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Twenty-four thousand pounds can be won today in The Times Portfolio competition – £20,000 for the week, and £4,000 for today, double the usual daily amount because there were no claimants yesterday. Portfolio list, page 22; week's gains and losses, rules and how to play, back page.

Dockers return before peace deal is ratified

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Dockers began returning to work yesterday in anticipation that the peace formula to end the 11-day national strike will be ratified by union leaders at meetings today.

Workers at six ports went back to work, while in a further development the seamen's and railwaymen's unions, which have been refusing to allow freight traffic on to Sealink ferries in protest at the sale of the state-owned company, agreed to suspend the ban to allow talks with its new owner.

Details of the docks peace formula were a guarded secret last night so that they can be presented to a meeting of 90 port shop stewards of the Transport and General Workers Union this morning. However, unofficially, employers and union were arguing that the deal held substantial benefits.

A union negotiator said that the agreement gave the union "all the guarantees we have been seeking" on ensuring that there would be no further breaches of clause 10 of the National Dock Labour Scheme that prohibits the use of non-registered labour without prior union permission.

It was indicated that the employers had given a firm commitment to ensure that the scheme was "honoured" in the future, but employers' sources were inclined to dismiss that version as union hyperbole and believed that they had made very few concessions in the agreement, which came after 16 hours of talks at the London offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

It became clear yesterday that although the talks came close to breakdown on several occasions the strong pressures on both sides for an agreement were paramount. The employers faced increasing demands from the Government for a quick settlement to the damaging strike, while union leaders were aware that the strike could have quickly started crumbling.

There were reports that national docks officials had been warned that workers at Dover, and the privately-owned Felixstowe container port, were planning to return to work. Yesterday's meeting of 1,100 dockers at Felixstowe, which in 10 minutes decided on an immediate return to work, had been planned before the peace talks started and was intendd to be a springboard for calling off the strike.

Other ports to return to normal working included Portsmouth, Poole and Ipswich. At Southampton, freight traffic resumed moving through the port.

Mass meetings of dockers are to be held tomorrow at major ports, including Liverpool and Hull, to hear reports of the stewards' meeting, but there was a general acceptance that the strike was effectively over.

Employers and unions are expected to present the agreement as a success and it was being said last night that the carefully-worded document could allow both sides to claim an advantage. On the union side there was confidence that the *deal will tie the employers more* firmly to the scheme.

Union officials are also expected to point to repeated statements by the Government, from the Prime Minister down, guaranteeing at least the short-term future of the dock labour scheme, which has been coming under increasing pressure in recent months from the Government and employers.

The deal was also said to be a feather in the cap of *Mr* Pat Lowry, chairman of Acas, and his conciliation staff who had worked hard to prevent the breakdown, which in the early hours yesterday had looked inevitable.

The decision to half the ban on freight traffic using Sealink ships was announced yesterday by the National Union of Seamen and the National Union of Railwaymen to allow time for talks with Sea Containers, which bought Sealink this week for £66m.

But the seamen's union gave a warning that any threat by the new owners to jobs, services and union agreements would be met with "resolute and determined industrial action by all members in Sealink ports".

Labour MPs arrested in race protest

Two Labour MPs, Mr Stuart Holland and Mr Tony Banks, were among 14 people arrested last night during an anti-apartheid demonstration outside the South African embassy in Trafalgar Square.

The arrests also included five councillors and the leader of Camden Borough Council.

NatWest deal

National Westminster Bank has acquired a five per cent interest in Fielding Newson-Smith, the stockbroker, as part of a plan to form an international securities house in the future Page 17

Amnesty wait

The scope of an amnesty for *political* prisoners, due to be announced today, is expected to determine whether the West lifts its sanctions against Poland Page 4

Losing money

Small investors are losing considerable sums of money because all registered insurance brokers are operating illegally, with no indemnity cover for insurance claims
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Sharing the Cup

India and Pakistan will jointly host the fourth World Cup in 1987, the International Cricket Conference decided by a narrow vote at Lord's
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Israeli poll

Two independent opinion polls in Israel predicted a clear Labour victory in Monday's election as campaigning ended
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Sun stoppage

The Sun newspaper was not published today. The editor, Mr Kelvin Mackenzie, has produced the paper on his own since *The Sum's* journalists went on strike over pay a week ago.

Coroner's attack

Two men, whose telephone call threatening violence against a strike-breaking miner's daughter, aged 12, drove him to suicide, were called "scabs" by a coroner Page 2



Because of the interruption of newsprint supplies due to the dock strike, *The Times* has slightly fewer pages today.

Determined drivers who broke ban

By Rupert Morris and Robin Young

British lorry drivers were congratulating themselves yesterday on a remarkable demonstration of industrial muscle which was entirely responsible for the lifting of the Dover freight ban, and may well have hastened the end of the docks strike.

As the drivers made their way either homewards, or to their European destinations, a clearer picture emerged of the way in which they had pressurized the Dover port employees into Thursday night's dramatic surrender.

Mr Ken Barr, the owner and driver whose load of water melons had been putrefying for days in Calais, revealed that on Wednesday he had secured a verbal promise from Mr Les Sharp, chairman of the Dover shop stewards, that he would lift the freight ban by 6pm on Thursday.

Mr Barr had travelled from Calais to lead a delegation of drivers who had been imposing a blockade on all trafic in and out of Calais.

For several days the drivers had been travelling between the Kent coast and the Continent as foot passengers, conveying messages to one another; they also corresponded by telephone and telex.

"It shows what a resilient breed they are", said a spokesman for the Road Haulage Association, which was immensely relieved that the dispute was over. Many small hauliers had faced the real prospect of going out of business.

Mr Sharp, of the Transport and General Workers' Union, *took a different view*.

"We were very sad that we had to let our negotiators down in London, but it was only this pressure that made us back down. We were threatened not actually with physical assault but with sections of drivers threatening to burn port installations", he said.

A substantial number of port employees, however, were strongly opposed to the union's action, and threatened to tear up their union cards in disgust.

Ministers take on union militants

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government yesterday intensified the propaganda war over the miners' strike and signalled its intention of combining its continuing efforts to isolate Mr Arthur Scargill with a general onslaught against militants in the trade unions.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, accused ministers of panic and hysteria as they maintained their attack on him for failing to condemn Mr Scargills' tactics.

But it is clear that ministers, considerably relieved at the settlement in the dock strike which they hope will enable them to concentrate their fire on one front, hae abandoned any pretence to being on the sidelines of the dispute and have begun a concerted effort to appeal to the mineworkers over the heads of their leadership.

The change of emphasis indicated on Thursday by the Prime Minister and other *members of the Cabinet* is being maintained in ministerial speeches and braodcasts highlighting what they claim to be the generosity of the Government's attitude to the mining industry in terms of pay, investment and the voluntary redundancy terms offered, and the allegedly undemocratic behaviour by a minority in the strike whom the Prime Minister has dubbed "the enemy within".

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, will press that message tomorrow in a television interview, as will Mrs Margaret Thatcher next Friday and in her speech to the Commons in the economic debate the following Tuesday.

Whitehall sources are laying emphasis on Mrs Thatcher's reported words to the 1922 committee on Thursday that when the strikes were over "we have to take on the militants" and return to good relations with the moderates.

Although that was said yesterday not to presage further labour legislation in the immediate future it appeared likely that ministers would use the experience of the mining dispute to campaign for wider support within the unions of the *measures* being taken in the Trade Union Bill to encourage pre-strike ballots, and ballots for the election of trade union officers.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, spoke in a BBC radio interview of Mr Scarill representing a threat to parliamentary democracy and a threat to all that was best in the tradition of trade unionism.

Questioned on the shift in the Government's approach to the strike he said that given the latest round of discussions between the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers and the points of agreement reached, reasonable people felt that the dispute had gone on for far too long and had no justifiable basis for being continued.

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Mr Kinmock said in the twentieth week of a dispute *which had cost about £200m it* was extraordinary that all the Prime Minister and her colleagues could do was to increase the output of insults.



Mr Tom King: "Dispute on far too long".

It was an abuse of their office. "They *should* get on with the job for which they are paid and promote a settlement instead of embittering and deepening the dispute with their foolish words," he said.

● Three South Wales miners' leaders were served with writs yesterday in a High Court action by two haulage firms in Gloucestershire against picketing of their lorries at the Port Talbot steel works. A hearing is expected in the High Court in London next week.

The Prince of Wales discovering the views of unemployed youngsters (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Princely advice on how to get a job

The Prince of Wales yesterday advised young job-seekers to polish up the interview techniques. The impression they gave at interviews made a hell of a difference, he said.

The Prince was talking to hundreds of unemployed youngsters from around Britain, who had spent working holidays on restoration work at the Badbury Rings prehistoric earthworks in Dorset. The scheme was arranged by the charity, the Prince's Trust.

He told the youngsters he knew that when they went back home the prospects were perhaps bleak, to say the least, of finding something else to do. He knew that life could be very boring, frustrating and sometimes extremely demoralising.

The Prince said: "If you can, try to concentrate on coming across well in an *interview* and, although you may not think so, the way you dress makes a difference as well. Regrettably, peopleare influenced by what they see in front of them."

UK and Argentina blame each other

By Our Foreign Staff

Britain and Argentina yesterday blamed each other for diverging from agreed arrangements and causing the breakdown of the first direct talks between the two countries since the Flakland Islands conflict in 1982.

Britain said the talks in Berne on Thursday broke down because the Argentines tried to link discussions *on* practical issues for normalizing relations with discussions on sovereignty. They had known that that was unacceptable to Britain.

But leading officials in the Argentine Foreign Ministry blamed the British representatives for changing just one word in a planned joint communiqué.

The officials said the two sides had agreed beforehand that when Argentina raised its claim to sovereignty, the British delegation would respond by saying: "We are not ready to discuss sovereignty", or its Spanish equivalent: *"No estamos en condiciones de discutir"*.

This formula would have allowed Argentina to claim that it had included the issue of sovereignty in the open-agenda talks. Britain, on the other hand, would have been able to claim that sovereignty was not discussed, and both delegations would have gone on to more manageable aspects of the dispute.

But Argentine diplomats claimed that the British delegation changed the agreed wording to state that Britain was "not prepared to discuss sovereignty", which in Spanish was translated into the much less flexible phrase: *"No estamos dispuestos a discutir"*.

British sources asserted that the breakdown had nothing to do with forms of words but everything to do with the Argentina's looking for a means of linking the question of sovereignty with discussions of practical issues.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, spoke of his "regret and frustration that after months of careful preparation the Argentine Government brought the talks to an abrupt and premature end by failing to proceed upon the basis that had been clearly agreed".

● Britain's trade with Argentina since the Falklands war has continued at a much higher level than official statistics suggest. British companies have been shipping goods via third countries, with identifying marks on machinery and equipment removed, in trade *that* has possibly reached as much as £4m a month. Both Governments know that this hidden trade exists.

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Mondale in challenge to Reagan

Mr Walter Mondale ended the Democratic convention in San Francisco by committing himself to negotiating a verifiable arms freeze with the Soviet Union and stopping "the illegal war in Nicaragua".

But he said that if he won the presidential election in November, which the convention had nominated him to fight, he would make no defence cuts which weakened American security.

Mr Mondale also issued a challenge to President Reagan for a televised debate.

Mr Mondale brought delegates to their feet, but Mrs Geraldine Ferraro drew greater applause. She said the choice of a woman to run for the vice-presidency sent a powerful signal to all Americans.

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Australian leads by three strokes in Open

Ian Baker-Finch, the Australian, took a three-stroke lead in the Open at St Andrews with a second round of 66. Among his nearest rivals is the British golfer, Nick Faldo (68).

Because of a big increase in the attendance on the first two days the Royal and Ancient will increase the prize money by 10 per cent. The winner will now receive £55,000. The attendance so far has reached 113,500, an *increase of 28,000 over* last year. **Reports, page 24**

National Savings rate surprise for societies

The Government yesterday *raised significantly* the *National* Savings rates offered to the public. The rises, staggered over several weeks, are: 28th National Savings issue 9 per cent (formerly 7.25 per cent) tax free if held five years; yearly plan 9.06 per cent (7.3 per cent) tax free over five full years; investment accounts 12 per cent (9.25 per cent); income bonds, deposit bonds 12.75 per cent (10 per cent). Minimum holding £250; earlier matured certificates 8.25 per cent **page 17**

Man set free after 16 years

By John Witherow

A man who *was sentenced to* life imprisonment for murder on the evidence of the discredited Home Office forensic scientist, Dr Alan Clift, was freed yesterday after serving nearly 16 years in jail.

The case, one of 11 referred to the Court of Appeal by the Home Secretary because of Dr Clift's involvement, was the first in which the judges upheld the appeal. Two others heard earlier this week were rejected.

Mr Geoffrey Mycock, a landscape gardner, who was sentenced in 1969 for the rape and murder of a woman, aged 84, walked free from the court saying he intended to seek damaged, "although no amount of money can ever bring back what I have lost".

The record for compensation for false imprisonment is *£77,000* but *legal* sources said yesterday that Mr Mycock could expect of receive up to £150,000.

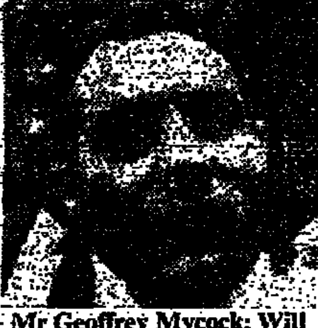
It was the second appeal against conviction by Mr Mycock who has always protested his innocence. At his first in 1970 it was established that a policeman, now retired, had lied at his trial.

But the appeal judge decided that the scientific evidence from Dr Clift was so strong that the conviction should be upheld.

Yesterday Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice Glidewell and Sir Roger Ormrod, said: "It follows as night follows day that this court is driven to the conclusion that there is now reasoned unease as to whether this conviction is safe and satisfactory."

The Crown offered no opposition to the appeal with counsel, Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, saying that because of the dependence on Dr Clift's evidence it would be unsafe to do so.

Mr Mycock, aged 37, from Macclesfield, Cheshire, was found to have scratches on his face after his arrest in 1968 for the killing of Miss Adeline Bracegirdle.



Mr Geoffrey Mycock: Will seek damages.

Scientific evidence about fibres found on Mr Mycock's clothing and fibres taken from the scene of the murder assured considerable importance in the case, but it had been impossible to verify independently his work and the conclusions he had reached.

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Germans pay tribute to anti-Hitler plotters' bravery

From Michael Binyon

In a short and moving ceremony in the Berlin courtyard where Count Claus von Stauffenberg and his fellow *conspirators were shot 40 years* ago, West Germany's leaders yesterday paid tribute to the courage and ideals of the plotters against Hitler and to all those who resisted the Nazi dictatorship.

In the presence of the elderly widows and relatives of the dozens of officers and politicians who were shot or hanged after the bomb plot's failure, Chancellor Helmut Kohl spoke of the short-lived hope in the Bendler barracks in Berlin for "the other Germany" free of dictatorship.

He said the resistance to Hitler's tyranny should never be forgotten: It belonged to all the German people, not just to one party, and still confronted the Germans with the question of the ethical foundations of *politics and the state*.

July 20, 1944, was the "hour of truth" for Germans. The conspirators had wanted to defend for Germany and its people the right to their own existence, history and future. They had made it possible for Germans to preserve their dignity. "This sacrifice has not been in vain", Herr Kohl said.

President Richard von Weizsacker, who as a young soldier had links with the military conspirators, hung a wreath on the wall of the barracks on the spot where Count von Stauffenberg was shot. Dozens of other wreaths lined the walls, and were laid beneath the statue of a naked and shackled figure which stands in the centre of the fomer barracks, now a memorial to the German resistance.

The ceremony, broadcast live on television, brought together leading politicians of all parties, as well as former underground workers amnd the president of the American Jewish Committee.

Herr Eberhard Diepgen, the mayor of West Berlin, spoke of the bravery and deep patriotism of the anti-Hitler plotters, and said Berlin as both capital of the Third Reich and leading city of the resistance was better suited than anywhere else to remind Germans of their historical responsibility.

Herr Klaus von Dohnanyi, the Mayor of Hamburg, whose father was executed in a concentration camp after the bomb plot and who was closely related to Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, said *the plot* was a last vain attempt to free the Fatherland, but it came too late. The Nazi period should have taught Germans to view their country more critically but also more deeply, and to participate fully in the constant renewal of democratic parties.

Yesterday's ceremony was the culmination of nation-wide remembrance of the July plot, and a similar memorial ceremony was held at the prison execution block in Berlin, where other conspirators were strung up on meat hooks with piano wire.

East Germany, which for many years denounced the July 20 conspirators as bourgeois militarists who did not represent the real resistance to Hitler, this year paid unusual *homage to them. The Communist* Party leadership placed a wreath to the victims of Nazi dictatorship at Sachenhausen concentration camp, north of Berlin.

Symbolically, Herr Hans Otto Bräutigam, West Germany's representative in East Berlin, placed a wreath immediately afterwards beside the party wreath. *This was seen in* Bonn as an important signal from East Berlin of a shared attitude towards the Nazi past and a further signal of East German recognition of a joint heritage.

Britain set for new EEC clash over milk quotas

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Another bitter quarrel between Britain and its EEC partners, and France in particular, seems ready to erupt over milk quotas (John Young, our Agriculture Correspondent, writes).

Figures published yesterday by the Milk Marketing Board indicates that sales of farms in England and Wales in the April-June period this year were about 6.25 per cent down on the corresponding period last year. This is less than the 9 per cent reduction required under the quota system, but spring and early summer are normally the peak production time.

Moreover, the estimated June sales are just over 9 per cent down on June last year.

However, according to the European Commission, milk production in the EEC as a whole has actually risen by 2 per cent since the quotas were introduced in April and shows no sign of falling. French farmers required to make a 3 per cent cut, have increased their output.

There is nothing to prevent farmers producing more than their quota entitlement other than the threat of a penal levy on the excess. The British fear is that farmers in other countries will either refuse to pay the levy or will demand that their governments underwrite the cost.

Mr Michael Jopling, the Minister of Agriculture, gave a warning a few days ago that Britain would not imploement the levy if it believed that other countries were not abiding by the rules.

British farmers' resentment at the "inflexible" application of the quota system is matched by the determination of trade unions to oppose redundancies among creamery workers.

Several thousand jobs are at risk and Dairy Crest, the manufacturing subsidiary of the Milk Marketing Board, has already laid off 400 workers in its butter division.

Both groups are angered by the fact that Britain, which is not self-sufficient in dairy produce, is being forced to open its manufacturing market to foreign competition.

Shop stewards from the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers and the Transport and General Workers' Union decided at a meeting in London yesterday to recommend strike action if compulsory redundancies are implemented.

Crew saved after fire on survey vessel

The crew of a seismic vessel abandoned ship yesterday after it caught fire off the Hebrides. Five men on the Geotek Alpha at first remained to fight the flames but were later forced to abandon the blazing wreck.

They were picked up by a lifeboat from Barra which had earlier taken off 15 other seamen.

The stricken ship, a converted stern trawler, was 10 miles off Barra Head, the most southerly point of the Outer Hebrides, when fire broke out in the galley. A mayday message was sent out.

The five-man skeleton crew tried to fight the fire after their colleagues had been taken to safety, but they were unable to prevent the flames spreading.

The burning ship was being towed last night by the frigate, HMS Boxer, to deeper water to lessen the hazard if it was decided to abandon the vessel.

● Heart patient yachtsman James Hatfield was yesterday becalmed, sick and running out of food and water more than 4,000 miles from Cape Town, his next port of call.

£1.4m loss by Port of London

The Port of London Authority, which is responsible for 95 miles of the tidal thames and owns Tilbury Docks last year lost £1.4m against a profit the previous year of £76,000.

The loss was largely attributed to the "disaster" of the eight-week strike by dockers



Mr Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, with Dr J. H. Burnett Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh University, left, and Mr David Steel, rector of the university and Liberal leader, after yesterday's ceremony in the McEwan Hall where Mr Mugabe received an honarary degree.

Haughey is ready for contraceptive reform

From Richard Ford
Belfast

The prospect of all-party agreement in changing the Irish Republic's family planning laws was hinted at yesterday when Mr Charles Haughery the Opposition leader, admitted it was time for a review and reform.

Mr Haughey was responsible for the law which began operating almost four years ago in what he described as an "Irish solution to an Irish problem". Since then the law has been flouted, particularly the insistence that non-medical contraceptive be issued with a prescription.

The Fianna Fail leader admitted his original solution had not been perfect. "It had certain drawbacks and disadvantages. In fact the way it has operayted has not been very successful either." The legislatioin had emphasized building up a family planning service but most of that had not occurred.

He would not allow his party a free vote in the Dail on the issue but added: "We will play a full part in the review and I would hope we will be able to come up and agree, perhaps with the Government when they put forward their proposals, on what is the best thing to be done."

The Government is under pressure to bring changes with the debate focusing on whether non-medical contraceptives should be available on demand or if an age limit should be introduced.

Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Prime Minister, is to head a sub-committee of Fine Gael which will set out his party's position on reform that indicates division like that which occurred over the abortion amendment referedum.

The latest opinion poll on contraception in the republic showed 36 per cent in favour of their availability to everyone, 25 per cent to married people only, 22 per cent to married people only with prescriptions, 15 per cent not available at all and 2 per cent had no opinion.

Battle over land use may end

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Hopes of an end to the war of words between farmers and conservationists were raised yesterday by a joint statement by Mr David Astor, chairman of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, and Mr Peter Giffard, president of the Country Landowners' Association.

The two hitherto mutually antagonistic bodies declared that ways must be found to build environmental objectives into the system of official financial support for agriculture.

They were united in the pursuit of changes in policy which would help end the unfortumate and damaging conflicts about the effect of modern agricultural practices on the countryside.

"Solutions will not be easy to find," the statement said.

Miners' drift back to work slows down

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The drift back to work in the striking coalfields appears to have tailed off, according to official figures supplied to *The Times*.

At the last count yesterday, there were about 42,000 people working in the pits, including colliery officials who are not directly involved in the dispute: The number of strikers who have returned to work since July 2 is only 384.

That tally suggests that the letters from area and pit managers, together with the appeal from the National Coal Board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, have had some impact in the coalfields where support for the 19-week stoppage is uncertain,

There are still more than 120,000 miners on strike as the dispute goes into the late summer. It seems certain after the breakdown of talks that the industry will be incapable of meeging its production targets for the Central Electricity Generating Board.

Collieries working normally are:

North Nottinghamshire area: Bevercotes, Bilstorpe, Blidworth, Clipstone, Creswell, Harworth, Mansfield, Ollerton, Rufford, Sherwood, Silverhill, Sutton, Thoresby and Welbeck.

South Nottinghamshire area: Annesley, Babbington, Bentinck, Calverton, Cotgrave, Gedling, Hucknall, Linby, Moorgreen, Newstead and Pye Hill.

South Midlands: Bagworth, Ellistown, South Leicester, Whitwick, Cadely Hill, Donisthorpe, Measham and Rawdon. On holiday: Baddesley, Birch Coppice, Daw Mill and Coventry.

Western Area: Florence, Hem Heath, Silverdale, Lea Hall, Littleton, Agecroft, Cronton, Haig, Point of Ayr and Parsonage (on holiday). Working partially: Parkside, Holditch and Golborne (on holiday).

North Derbyshire: Working partially: Bolsover, Shirebrook and Warsop.

Scotland: Working partially: Bilston Glen (on holiday).

Tory MPs seek tighter ballots rule

A group of Conservative MPs is threatening to rebel against the Government on Tuesday unless it further tightens its legislation providing for secret ballots for elections to trade union executive posts (Philip Webster, our Political Correspondent, writes).

The group is dissatisfied with the compromise agreed by the Government after a revolt in the Lords last month.

The Lords had voted to outlaw workplace ballots. Under the compromise announced last week there will be a "presumption" that ballots should be postal but workplace ballots will still be allowed if unions satisfy themselves that they are fair and secret. Aggrieved union members will have the right to complain to the certification officer and ultimately the High Court if they feel an election has been conducted improperly.

Jail term after the harvest

Harvest time saved millionaire farmer Hugh Batchelor from prison yesterday. But once the harvest is in the farmer,aged 57 must serve a two-month sentence for cutting down protected trees on his land.

Mr Justice Webster told him in the High Court that he felt bound to imprison him because it was not the first time he had defied court orders not to fell trees. The two-months' reprieve came when his councel, Mr James Townend, QC, said that although his family helped run the farm at Thurnham Court, Bearstead, near Maidstone, Kent, they relied on Mr Batchelor to direct the entire enterprise.

Kent County Council and Maidstone Borough Council asked for the prison order for breach of an undertaking given to the court in 1977 that he would not cut down trees that were subject to preservation orders.

They said that since then he had damaged more than 90 protected trees on his land at Castle Hill, and on his £1m Howe Court Estate at Hollingbourne.

Last year he went to prison for two weeks for breaking the undertaking. This time he must go to jail for two months, said the judge. He must also pay five-sixths of the council's costs and his own costs estimated at £35,000.

Contracts worth £114m unchecked

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Private firms have been given public business worth £114m which has yet to be given proper official checks, the Commons public accounts committee said yesterday. Most of the money had been paid in advance by the Government's Property Services Agency, the subject of a corruption inquiry last year.

The committee said in its latest investigation of the agency that staff there were leaving unchecked far too much of the money that they were paying to firms for work to be done after paymennt. The agency has 27,000 staff and is responsible for thousands of public buildings including museums, office blocks, embassies and defence bunkers. Its staff are mainly administrative and all f its building and maintenance work is done by private firms.

Sir Geoffrey Wardale, a former senior civil servant, told the committee in February that the corruption already found there represented "the tip of the iceberg."

The committee's latest report covers "measured term contracts" in which companies compete for agency work which lasts for three years. The winning firms are paid in advance, and the agency is supposed to check that the work has been done properly.

Commons Public Accounts Committee 30th Report (Common paper 449; Stationery Office; £4.35).

MPs' new milage rates

MPs voted themselves by 100 votes to 30, in the Commons yesterday a new system of car milage allowances which will allow them to claim up to 39p a mile.

The new system is based on the RAC's schedule of motoring costs. For annual totals of up to 20,000 miles, the allowances per mile would be 18p for cars up to 1,300cc; 25.9p for 1,300cc-2,300cc; and 39p for more than 2,300cc.

For totals of more than 20,000 miles, the allowances would be 11.3p 14.7p and 19.5p respectively. The rates apply only to journeys made by MPs and not their spouses or staff.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, assured MPs he would discuss the way the scheme was monitored with colleagues and make sure it was adminstered sensibly.

But it aroused srong protests from some MPs including Sir Anthony Meyer (Clwyd North West, C), who described it as "one of the most lunatic proposals before the House for many years".

MPs also voted to increase their office, secretarial and research allowance.

Scarcity of top-class managers in industry

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

A dearth of top-flight managers in all sectors of British industry, particularly in engineering and pharmaceuticals, has been exposed by a new survey of 100 executives in 50 of the country's leading companies.

The survey, published jointly by the London Business School and the management consultants, Egon Zehnder International, says that most sought after are general managers "with knowledge of the whole business, able to direct the company to respond quickly to new techonolgical and market challenges".–

The main reasons given for the shortage were increased demands made by rapid technoligical change and intense competition for markets, domestic and international.

There is now a "cut-throat search" for younger managers, the report says. But centralized manpower planning set up as a result, will do little to solve the problem - "most often it fucuses on succession planning within narrow and unchanging structures; the assertion that there are not enought actual or potential good general managers may merely mean ignorance of resources near at hand, brought about by blinkered, managerial vision and the readiness to relax behind internal barriers."

Most of the personnel directors interviewed believed that reward systems would need to be more imaginative and differentiated. And one big challenge, the report says, is to retain the core group of "stars" on whom the company would depend.

Increasing expectation by such managers was likely in an attempt to accumulate capital and this would have to be offered in a variety of forms inluding bonuses, shares or options

"Unless this issue is tackled, companies run the risk of losing many of the younger, high – calibre performers who will be the main architects of success in the medium to longer term."

Lack of staff closes part of hospital

By Nicholas Timmins,
Social Services Correspondent

The accident and emergency department of the main children's hospital in the West Midlands has had to close "indefinitely" because of staff shortages.

The Birmingham Children's Hospital, which contains the region's specialist services for children with cancer, kidney diseases, or in need of heart or neurosurgery has also had to refuse some admissions this week because one of 10 wards was closed for cleaning.

Mr David Hughes, the hospital administrator, said the hospital was under "intense pressure". It needed between 50 and 55 nurses as well as the present 250 nursing staff, he said.

The immediate decision to close was forced by sickness, maternity leave and a shortage of experienced nursing staff, he said, which would have left the casualty department with only two nurses on some occasions instead of the six needed. The hospital's matron had given a warning that "safe nursing staff levels could no longer be maintained".

Mr Hughes said financial pressures were not the immediate reason for the casualty department closure which was likely to last "weeks rather than days".

"If we had higher staffing levels in the hospital as a whole, however, we might have been able to manage much better. If you are not well off for staff, sickness and maternity leave can quickly tip the balance."

Accident and emergency cases are being referred to district general hospitals nearby with children's wards..

Overseas selling prices.
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 128; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 128; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 150

Hartston improves lead but Walker resigns

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

There was a wealth of lively, hard-fought games in round six of the two Robert Silk tournaments at the Great Eastern Hotel, London, yesterday.

In the Young Masters tournament, Hartston neatly outplayed Kosten to gain a firm hold on the lead, with 4½ points, whereas his chief rival, Jeff Horner adjourned against Large in a probably drawn position.

Results in round six. Rayner 1/2 Fuller 1/2, Sicillian defence, 16 moves; King adjourned against Upton, Ruy Lopez 43; Martin 1, Berg 0, Caro Kann defence 34. Horner adjourned against Large, Ruy Lopez 41; Kosten 0, Hartston 1, Sicillian defence 37.

Adjourned game result, round four. Horner 1/2 Kosten 1/2 69 moves.

In the Ladies Masters tournament, Susan Walker's run of victories was stopped by Nina Hoiberg, who played the attack well,

She now shares the lead with Nina Hoiberg with five points out of six, a point ahead of J N Khadilkar and Teresa Needham, both of whom won well in this round.

Results of round six. Susan Walker 0, Nina Hoiberg 1 Bishop's opening 44 moves; J N Khadilkar 1, Helen Milligan 0, Sicillian defence, 29; D Norman 1/2 V Khadilkar 1/2, QP King's Indian defence, 36; M Hepworth 0, T Needham 1, Philidor defence 31; Mrs R Hamid adjourned against R Khadilkar, Ruy Lopez 42.

Early book on plastic surgery makes £11,550

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The first modern book on plastic surgery, Tagliacozzi's *De Curtorum Chirurgia* ... published in Venice in 1597, was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £11,550 (estimate £5,000-£6,000) to Thomas Scheler, a Paris dealer who specializes in medical books. Tagliacozzi was much opposed by the ecclesiastical authorities of the time and after him plastic surgery was neglected until the nineteenth century.

In the same sale, one of the most beautiful illustrated scientific books of the Renaissance, Vidius's *Chirurgea e Graeca in Latinum Conversa* ... published in Paris in 1544, secured £10,450 (estimate £4,000-£6,000). Vidius was a Florentine surgeon, who edited texts by Hippocrates and others on surgical subjects and the book was illustrated by Primaticcio and other distinguished artists. He is particularly strong on bandages and various mechanical devices to deal with dislocation of limbs.

The sale of medical books totalled £180,070 with 5 per cent unsold.

GLC Tories want council meeting

Conservatives on the Greater London Council demanded a special council meeting yesterday after the Labour majority had voted to spend a further £3.6m on campaigning aginst government plans to cancel elections in the council next year and abolih it in 1986.

The decision, by the special committee to consider the future of the council, brings to more than £10m the amount spent and committed

Labour will lose its majority in a fortnight when Mr Ken Livgstone, leader of the council, and three other Labour councillors will resign to fight by-elections in September.

The council held its last full meeting last week and was not due to hold another until after the by-elections. Conservatives claimed yesterday that Labour concillors were rushing through extra spending to beat curbs inserted by ministers in the "paving" Bill which is meant to cancel GLC elections next year.

A spokesman for Mr Livingstone said the decision to spend more was normal business in response to the Government's determination to try to abolish the council.

Boys in anti-caning row risk being put in care

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

Two boys are to be taken before a juvenile court which could place them in care because of the refusal of their mother to allow them to attend a school which uses corporal punishment.

The mother, Mrs Janice Jarman, aged 32, was yesterday fined £20 for failing to send her sons to school because of her opposition to the cane.

She said after the hearing that she would take her case to the European Court of Human Rights and pursue the fight to the House of Lords if necessary. Mrs Jarman has kept her two boys, Christopher, aged 14, and Stephen, aged 15, from the school since October after the younger was caned once on the hand for missing detention.

The headmaster refused to accept that they should be exempt from the normal discipline of the school.

Mid-Glamorgan County Council, which brought the prosecution under Section 39 of the 1944 Education Act, offered places at another school two miles away, where caning was not part of disciplinary procedure.

But Mrs Jarman maintained that they should be allowed to attend Y Pant comprehensive school at Talbot Green, 100 yards from their home.

After the recess, the Government is to introduce legislation giving parents the right to decide whether their children can by physically punished.

Mr Tom Scott, a member of the Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment (STOPP), said: "This mother has been branded a common criminal just because she does not want her children to be thrashed by a teacher".

Britain's failing post

Hopes rest on reshaped system

By John Witherow

If Britain has the best postal system in the world, why is it that 2.2 million first class letters fail to reach their destination the next day?

At a time when the Post Office is planning to increase the cost of first class postage by 1p to 17p, it is a question that is vexing both the organization and its many critics.

After admitting a recent fall in the quality of service, the Post Office is now confronting the problem with a "task force" of 40 experts who are trying to locate the trouble spots.

The target is to deliver nine in ten of all the 18 million first class letters posted every day. At present the Post Office is only 2.6 per cent below that target, but that does mean 468,000 letters a day being delayed unnecessarily.

The task force, led by Mr Michael Berry, has been concentrating on London for the past few months and has devised a system it is calling the "biggest reshape this century".

With half the country's 40 million first and second class letters passing through London each day, the team hopes that reducing difficulties in the capital will eleiminate many delays. One of the schemes being tried is a better distribution of letters in two "sweeps" late in the evening.

A big problem, Mr Berry says, is that most letters are posted late in the afternoon. If a letter has to get across the country by early next morning it is testing the Post Office's resources to the limits.

By striving for 90 per cent efficiency the organization accepts that there are some areas it can do nothing about. More than half a million letters do not make it on time because they are posted too late. Another half million are delayed by transport failures, disputes, and poor rail connexions.

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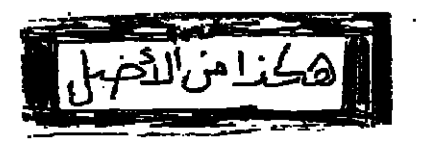
LONDON

3 By rail to London Bridge

2 Sorted 6–7.30 pm

1 Posted 5 pm

TUNBRIDGE WELLS



Working miner committed suicide after threat against his daughter

A working miner committed suicide after two strikers made a telephone call threatening physical violence against his daughter aged 12, an inquest in Stoke-on-Trent was told yesterday.

Mr James Clay, aged 33, a father of three who returned to work after 14 weeks on strike, killed himself on July 5 after receiving a barrage of taunts and jibes from striking colleagues at Wolstanton Colliery, Staffordshire. He had been spat at and shunned by friends.

But his widow, Ann, aged 30, said that two threatening telephone calls were the last straw. "They were getting at the children and that is what hurt him most".

The North Staffordshire coroner, Mr John Wain, who recorded a verdict of suicide, said: "The two men who made the telephone call threatening violence against a 12-year-old girl were cowards and worse than the people they call scabs".

Mr Wain said that it was undoubtedly the calls that drove Mr Clay to suicide, adding: "The despicable implication by these two men was the sort of action from which miners would want to dissociate themselves.

"We have heard of the word 'scab'. It is an unpleasant word used to describe people who disobey union orders, but I look at this case and ask myself where do the scabs lie. Were they not the two cowards in the phone-box one who had the job of threatening this woman and the other prompting him."

"I ask the public and thousands of decent miners to consider this case. These two men did not adhere to union rules and they must be the scabs."

The inquest was told that Mr Clay, a face worker from Sneyd Green, Staffordshire, returned to the pit in June because of financial hardship.

Mrs Clay said that they were a happy family before the strike but afterwards the money dried up, bills mounted and her husband became very depressed.

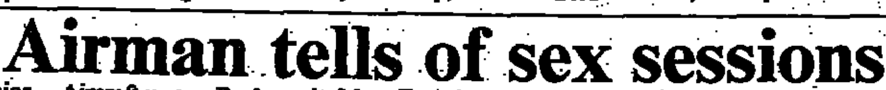
"He tried to bottle everything up but went back to work for four days prior to the potters' holidays and was abused and spat on."

"He was put in a position where he had to decided whether he wanted to go through that ordeal again. He kept putting off discussing financial matters and would go upstairs and sit in his bedroom alone for long periods.

"He tried to tell the miners of the hardship he was facing but they would not listen to him. They spat at him and turned their backs on him, whereas before they had been good mates and colleagues," Mrs Clay said.

Four days before Mr Clay was due to return after a holiday, he was found dead in a garage near his home. He died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

● At least 30 other miners are known to have received similar threats, Stoke police said



Airman tells of sex sessions

Senior Aircraftman Paul Davies, aged 21, told the Central Criminal Court yesterday of his sex sessions with the "Mata Hari" at the centre of a spy trial.

He told the jury that after visiting a club and another discotheque one evening, he and Mrs Eva Maria Ghazi Jaafar, aged 30, went back to her flat.

"She made me a drink and got on the sofa and started kissing and cuddling. It was then that the first sexual experience I had with Eva happened".

"She masturbated me and we had a few more drinks. I asked her why she did not want to sleep with me. I think it was because I was a bit too drunk."

The prosecution alleges the airman was trapped by Mrs Jaafar during sex sessions and blackmailed



Oriental debut: Oh Young Mi (left) and Lee Kyo Joo, dancers with the Korean music and dance group Yullyo Akhoe, which will appear for the first time in this year's Promenade concerts at the Albert Hall.

Macy's keen to attract British exports

Macy's, the American retailing group, is leading a campaign by foreign department stores to get more British companies to export consumer goods (John Lawless writes).

A country wide series of what they call "show-and-sell" exhibitions has been organized, attended by up to 30 buyers. Their aim is substantially to increase their purchases, which last year exceeded £200m.

Mr Keith Harwood, vice-president of R. H. Macy Corporate Buying and managing director of its British and Irish operations, said: "We get together 50 or so manufacturers of consumer goods in one place. The buyers travel by train or bus and stay overnight.

"They are there to see what is on offer. The British firms, particularly small ones which have the most problems about getting into exports, have a captive audience of, say, 30 specialist buyers."

Sellafield leukaemia allegations supported

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Allegations that the high level of leukaemia in children living near the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plants is linked to radioactive contamination from the nuclear site is supported in an official report submitted to the Department of Health and Social Security.

It contains the findings of a team led by Sir Douglas Black, former president of the Royal College of Physicians.

The study is unable to show a direct cause and effect. But the work concludes that the incidence of leukaemia is too high to be explained by the sort of variations that happen occasionally, giving rise to unexpected clusters of illness.

The main recommendation is for a full-scale medical study. The proposal is being considered by government advisers, and the report is expected to be published next week.

The Sun fined £5,000

The publishers of *The Sun* newspaper were fined £5,000 by the High Court in London yesterday for a "grave contempt" of court in a front-page story published during the criminal trial of a couple accused of causing appalling injuries to their daughter, aged five weeks.

The Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers, QC, had started contempt proceedings after the publication in December 14 last of a story headlined "Baby was blinded by dad" with an accompanying photograph.

The editor of *The Sun*, Mr Kelvin Mackenzie, "frankly" admitted the contempt and offered his sincere apologies.



Industry's £132m for charity

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

British companies gave more than £132m to charities last year, ranging from teddy bears for tombolas to contributions to capital projects, and most of it probably was authorized in an attempt to gain respectability.

New figures published this week by the *Directory of Social Change* show that most of the country's big firms allocated a very small proportion of their profits to charities

The reasons why companies give money away are numerous, but hardened industry observers were united in their view yesterday that the prime driving force is a desire to create an air of social responsibility or even to win a knighthood for the chairman.

Some of the country's leading 500 industrial companies give nothing to charity. They include names such as Barratt Developments, Bejam, Cavenham, Cosmos, Furness Withy and Renault UK. But the top five givers – Barclays Bank, Marks and Spencer, BP, National Westminster Bank and Shell UK – gave a total of almost £6.5m.

Police offer to meet 'the Fox'

A senior detective made a plea yesterday to the rapist named "the Fox" to meet him before someone is murdered.

"I will meet him anytime, anywhere", Det Supt Maurice Caro, a leading detective in the hunt for the attacker, said.

"You will receive every consideration and have nothing to fear from the police. All we want to do is prevent you committing murder and other serious offences", Mr Caro said.

So far police have drawn a blank in their hunt for the man who has committed violent sex attacks and burglaries during recent months around Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

But since he has been lying low after raping a girl and sexually assaulting her brother and her boy friend in the village of Edlesborough just over a week ago, they hope this appeal may bring him out.

Mr Caro said he was born in Machester and it might help having a northerner talking to a northerner.

● Police in Chichester, West Sussex, yesterday set up an incident room and were using dogs in a hunt for a man who raped a girl aged 12

Four surrogate mothers sign £6,500 contract

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Four British women who will be paid to become surrogate mothers have signed contracts with an American agency, and one of them is expecting a baby which will be born and handed over to a childless couple for about £6,500 around Christmas.

Representatives of the agency in Britain would be guilty of a criminal offence if the Warnock recommendations are implemented.

But Mrs Harriett Blankfeld, director of the agency, the National Center for Surrogate Parenting, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Mrs Barbara Manning, who is arranging surrogate births on her behalf in Britain, were adamant yesterday that they would continue the practice "until Parliament enacts legislation, at which stage we will observe the law".

Mrs Blankfeld flew back to the US yesteday after travelling to participate in the debate after publication on Wednesday of the Warnock report.

Before leaving she complained in a statement to *The Times* that the Warnock committee had not spoken to her or any member of her organization before recommending that agencies such as hers should be outlawed.

Mrs Manning, a former National Health Service nurse in Surrey who runs the British end of Mrs Blankfeld's agency, was said by her lawyer to be "very cross" about the Warnock report

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Mrs Wendy Batt and Mr Mike Batt yesterday.

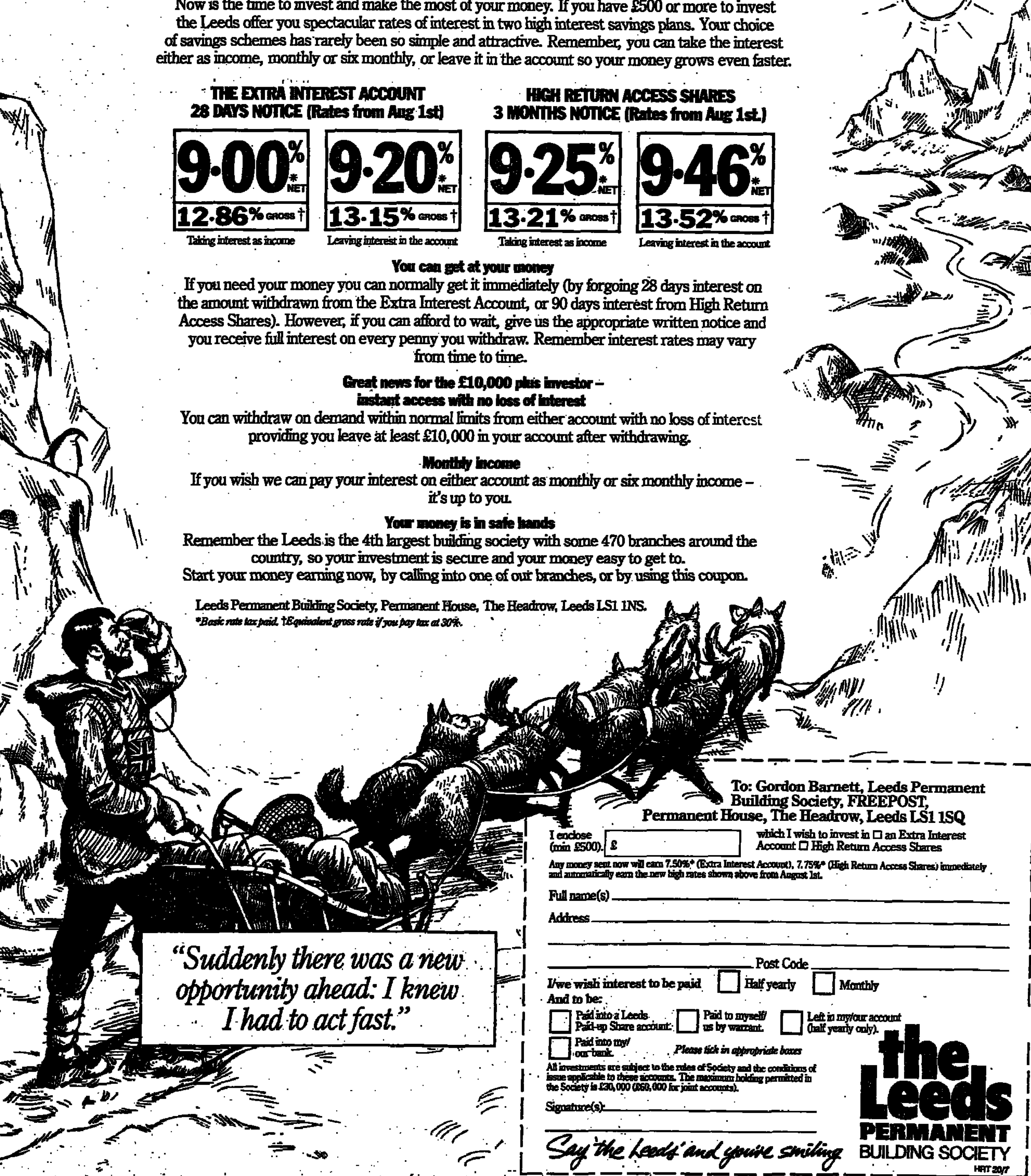
'Womble' man's jail plea

Mr Mike Batt, the songwriter, has won a court order barring his former wife, Mrs Wendy Batt, from within 250 yards of his home after she broke in and threatened him and his mistress.

The musician, aged 33, who had a big success with "The Wombling Song" asked the London divorce court judge yesterday to jail his former wife aged 38.

But Judge Owen, who said her conduct was "disgraceful", refused to send her to prison. He said that although she had caused Mr Batt to be arrested after alleging assault by him, that was not in breach of an order not to interfere with him.

Last week Mr Batt, of Strathearn Place, Paddington, west London, won an injunction restraining her from assaulting, molesting, or interfering with him or his mistress.



Pupils to be set learning targets in curriculum package

From Colin Hughes, Newcastle upon Tyne

The first full package for national agreement on what children should learn at school was outlined yesterday by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

He announced that the Government will issue a discussion document within the next few months aimed at setting national objectives for learning and designing an agreed curriculum for pupils aged between five and 16.

Alongside those proposals, School Inspectors will publish two papers describing the variety of curriculum in primary and secondary school as the starting point for what will become a key national debate.

The assumption held since the Second World War that schools can and should manage without an agreed formula for learning must be overturned. Sir Keith told the Council of Local Education Authorities' annual conference in Newcastle upon Tyne.

It had become "a recipe for misunderstanding and ill-directed endeavour," hampering any judgment of whether school standards were rising or falling.

Along with the "massive amount of information" on what schools teach, the Government would shortly publish "tentative proposals" for a national framework. Sir Keith emphasized that he was not attempting to dictate to teachers and schools on their teaching methods, but to set targest.

Core subjects such as mathematics, science, English and modern languages could easily be agreed, bu the framework would eventually include specific objectives within those subjects.

It would also describe what pupils should learn from subjects which cross the traditional boundaries, such as environment studies.

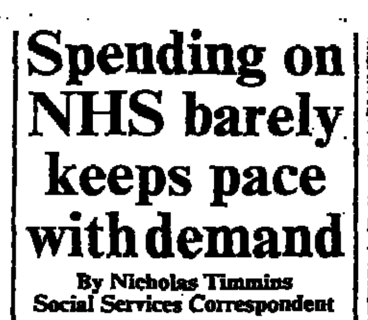
A key new ingredient is to set targets for primary schools, so that each pupil has objectives for attainment by the age of 11. Sir Keith said that primary schools he had visited were "keen, zealous and devoted".

He dismissed the "fashionable" idea that children should solely be taught how to learn, regardless of what knowledge they actually learnt. A mix of facts and skills was essential.

Standards would be built from the bottom upwards, the Minister told reporters later. Once targets were set the national curriculum could be devised, and examinations could be geared to test achievement of those objectives.

Sir Keith reaffirmed his determination to introduce assessment of teachers. "But I do not close my eyes to the fact that there are some who have become individually weak in professional terms or otherwise unsuitable for teaching.

Spending on NHS barely keeps pace with demand



By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

Government spending on the National Health Service in the past five years has barely kept pace with increased demand, despite ministers' claims that it has risen at 17 per cent above the rise in prices, the House of Commons social services committee said yesterday.

The all-party group of MPs says that on the Department of Health's own evidence, real growth over the past five years, once the faster rate of NHS pay and price increases is allowed for, was only 7.2 per cent, not 17 per cent.

With the aging population demanding extra spending of about 1 per cent a year just to stand still, and medical advances needing another 0.5 per cent, the committee says "It is clear to us that ... expenditure on the hospital and community health services has barely succeeded in keeping pace with increased demand."

The committee is also highly critical of Government claims that NHS spending is growing by one per cent after last year's 1 per cent cut in NHS spending in July.

"To cut 1 per cent in one year and restore it in the next year is not 'growth'", the committee says. In the past two years, the committee says, real growth after allowing for higher NHS prices and pay, has been dependent on efficiency savings, and the same looks to be true for the current year.

The committee urges a thorough review of the way expenses to family doctors' are controlled when the Government publishes its green paper on family practitioners' services in the autumn.

A total of £400m will be paid out in direct and indirect expenses this year, not much less than half the total pay bill for GPs.

"In questioning officials we were not convinced that there was adequate control", the committee says. No limit is placed on what GPs can pay their ancillary staff, and doctors can reclaim rent and rates payments even if they have only a nominal list of NHS patients.

On DHSS capital grants to children's homes, the committee says it is astonishing that more than £17,000 was spent retarmacing a Roman Catholic children's home in Leeds in 1982-83 when the home closed the following year.

4th report Social Services Committee; season 1983-84 (Stationery Office £9.90).



The Olympic champion Steve Ovett and his wife, Rachel, at Heathrow airport yesterday before leaving for Los Angeles and the Olympic Games. He will run in the 800 and 1500 metres races.

Pledge on race is 'open to doubt'

By Pat Healy, Race Relations Correspondent

Widespread concern that race relations work will suffer after the abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils has led the Home Office to concede that all successor bodies will be bought under race relations legislation.

That will mean that joint boards, to be set up to take over regional functions such as the fire service, planning, roads and waste disposal, will have the same responsibilities as the local councils to eliminate recial discrimination and promote equality of opportunity.

But, unlike the GLC and the metropolitan county councils, the joint boards will have no powers to raise revenue to carry out those functions. Any race relations work they undertake would have to come out of tight budgets, controlled by central government.

The Commission for Racial Equality, which is preparing proposals for strengthening Section 71 of the Race Relations Art which places the duty of local authorities to eliminate unlawful racial discrimination, has given concession a guarded welcome.

The commission pointed out that the Home Office had declined to legislate to ensure that pioneering work by the GLC would continue after abolition, and giving the joint boards responsibility without funding left the whole issue open to doubt.

But the concession was dismissed as "meaning less" by Mr Paul Boateng, vice-chairman of the GLC ethnic minorities unit, who recently presented a paper on the issue to the Home Office advisory group on race relations. Without the resources and a London-wide, democratically accountable focus for race relations activity, the needs of the black community would not be met.

Review of BBC's world radio services

A review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the BBC's External Services is to be undertaken by a Government-BBC team. The review has been set up by the BBC's board of governors after discussions between the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the External Services.

The team will also look at restraints on resources and funding of the External Services which broadcast radio programmes throughout the world 24 hours a day.

The External Services are paid by the Foreign Office, and are estimated to cost £79m this year.

Opportunites for external broadcasting offered by developments in technology will be studied and the way in which the External Services can respond to the changes.

The Foreign Office said yesterday: "Broadcasting generally is a fast-changing area. A Civil Service department undertook a review in 1974 and it was felt the time had come to examine the services again."

The department would not comment when asked if this was the start of a big reduction on public expenditure generally.

The team's progress will be monitored by a steering committee chaired by Mr Christopher Bell, acting deputy managing director of External Services, with other members drawn from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Treasury and the Efficiency Unit of the Cabinet Office.

The examining team of five will be led by Mr Alan Perry, Assistant Secretary in the Treasury. Other members will be Mr James Norris, head of the BBC's Eastern Service; Mr Gavin Hewitt, of the Foreign Office; Mr Andrew Stott, of the Efficiency Unit, and a representative of the BBC's auditors.

The steering committee will be responsible for submitting the team's final report to the BBC's board of governors and the Foreign secretary.

Work will begin immediately and will last about three months.

Orchestra saved by its players

The Midlands based English Sinfonia Orchestra has been saved by its players.

It was feared that the loss of Arts Council cash could force the orchestra to disband, but it was announced yesterday that the musicians had formed a new company to manage its affairs and seek engagements.

Lifting of Polish sanctions will hinge on detail of amnesty

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The scope of an amnesty for Polish political prisoners due to be announced today will determine whether the West will abandon its sactions against the government of General Wojciech Jaruzelski, diplomats said yesterday.

An early draft of the amnesty Bill, seen by the Roman Catholic Church, provides for freedom for all political prisoners, including the seven jailed Solidarity leaders and the four members of the KOR workers' self defence committee wich helped and advised the union. This draft also offers an amnesty to underground activists who surrender before the end of December and make a statement to the police.

But what is not clear is whether, in the final draft to be submitted to Parliament today, those political prisoners arrested for "dangerous crimes" will be required to renounce their opposition activities as a condition of freedom.

The four KOR members – Mr Jacek Kuron, Mr Adam Michnik, Mr Henryk Wujec and Mr Zbigniew Roamszewski – are currently on trial, under articles 123 and 128 of the penal code, accused of preparing to overthrow the state by force.

The seven Solidarity leaders are facing similar charges although their indictment has not yet been presented. All 11 prisoners have refused in the past to pledge political neutrality as a condition of their release and say they will be freed only if there are no strings attached. Mr Michnik has pledged to chain himself to his cell rather than be conditionally released.

The lifting of sancions will depend on the fate of the 11. Officials in Brussels and Nato diplomats here have made clear that the amnesty will have to be all-inclusive to have an effect on Western policy.

United States officials say privately that if Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, and the Pope give their approval to the amnesty the way will be politically clear to dismantle sanctions.

Sanctions include the restriction of Polish landing rights in America, the suspension of most favoured nation status in its trade relations with Washington, a freeze on top level Nato visits to the country and the withholding of slabs of Government aid to Poland.

The cold climate has also slowed down Poland's entry into the International Monetary Fund and talks between the Western creditor governments, the Club of Paris, and the Polish Finance Ministry.

To compensate for the losses officially calculted at about $12bn (£9bn) by the Poles caused by sanctions, the Soviet block has intensified s assistance to Poland. A mark of the close relations enjoyed between the Jaruzelski and Chernenko leaderships came yesterday with the arrival of the Soviet Premier, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, at the head of a party-state delegation.

● VIENNA: A group of 120 Polish tourists arrived at Austria's Traiskirchen refugee centre, outh of Vienna, and requested political asylum (Reuter reports). The Poles, travelling by bus, had transit visas for Austria and were officially going to Italy for a holiday.

IBA promises impartiality in Oman programme

The Independent Broadcasting Authority promised the Court of Appeal yesterday it would ensure that a Granada Television *World in Action* programme about Oman due to be shown on Monday complied with its rules on impartiality.

Lord Rawlinson, QC, for the Sultanate of Oman, had said that there had been disquieting reports of complaints by people interviewed for the programme.

"We were also informed that a substantial part of the programme would deal with the arrest and death of Robin Walsh (a secretary to the tender board of the Oman Ministry of Defence who died suddenly in prison last summer).

Mr David Kempe, QC, for the IBA, said if after the IBA had seen a preview, it was found that the programme did not comply with its rules on impartiality alterations would be made.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice May, said it was unnecessary to give judgment on an appeal by the Oman Government against a High Court decision refusing leave to apply for an order requiring the IBA to fulfil its obligations under the Broadcasting Act, 1981, and ensure its impartiality.

Warning on use of search powers against blacks

Warning against misuse of stop-and-search powers proposed in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill is given in a draft code of practice published yesterday (Peter Evans, Our Home Affairs Correspondent, writes).

"Young blacks should not be stopped and searched on the basis that statistics show that they have a higher than average chance of being involved in arrests for certain types of offence", the code says. "The mere fact that a person is carrying a particular kind of property or is dressed in a certain way or has a certain hairstyle is likewise not of itself sufficient."

The code says that there must be reasonable grounds to suspect that articles of a particular kind are being carried. Statistics on the use of stop-and-search powers indicate that in most cases no such article is found.

The Bentley Eight: brighter look for the businessman.

New 'cut-price' Bentley

By Clifford Webb Motoring Correspondent

Rolls-Royce yesterday announced a new "cut-price" Bentley. The £49.497 Bentley Eight is £5,743 cheaper than any model produced by the Crewe company and is the first move in a new marketing campaign aimed at the younger executive.

Market research has shown that the 65-year-old Bentley marque's sporting image attracts a different type of buyer from the more sedate Rolls-Royce.

The Bentley Eight is identified by a bright mesh radiator grille instead of the traditional vertical shutters, slightly less opulent interior fittings and has a firmer suspension to suit the enthusiastic owner-driver.

The mechanical specification is identical to that of the more expensive Bentley Mulsanne.

Rolls-Royce dealers are said to be enthusiastic about the new car which goes some way towards meeting their demand for more realistically priced cars

Public Lending Right report

Fiction offers best return

By Tony Samstag

A writer who wants to get on in life should concentrate on fiction but try to avoid becoming a "serious novelist of high literary standing," according to the first annual report on the Public Lending Right scheme, published yesterday.

Budding authors should eschew "coffee-table books, slim volumes of poetry, and reference handbooks".

Under no circumstances should he or she turn a hand to "specialist books of advanced academic quality outside the public library field", "books with narrowly local interest", "outlandish tracts", or sex books.

Analysis of the payments by the registrar adduces trends in books that are likely to be borrowed from public libraries, 16 of which served as sampling points to feed data to the PLR computer.

More than a million books and 7,750 athors were registered for the scheme and reimbursed at the 1.02p per loan, up to a maximum of £5,000, which was reached by 46 authors.

The minimum payment was £106, 13 authors reached that level. The average payment was £261, representing about 25,588 times a book was borrowed.

The top 46 writers tended to be names familiar from best-seller lists, mainly thriller writers and the like.

Their more "serious" colleagues were "prominent", in the next catergory, £2,500-£4,999, where 81 authors were present.

The lowest catergory, less than £100, had 3,905 authors.

Poets, writers on art and household cookery books were poorly represented, "some types of book are not 'naturals' for lending ..." Writers of non-fiction were well represented numerically, but their payments tended to be quite low.

Children's books did badly relative to the numbers lent; possibly, the registrar surmises, because of the high number of "prominent dead authors" in that field. Playwrights did badly because local authority headquarters rather than branch libraries tend to issue playsets to drama groups.

Typical nil earners included advanced academic works, textbooks generally and sex books and tracts, which are "often considered 'unsuitable' by librarians".

Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, pronounces himself pleased with the first year of operation, which he says was carried out "very smoothly and at substantially less costs than was originally expected". The Public Lending Right has turned out to be a "fair and equitable way" of rewarding authors.

The Public Lending Right Scheme 1983/84: Annual Report to the Parliament by the Minister for the Arts as prescribed by the *Public Lending Right Act 1979.* (Cmnd. 9303. Stationery office £1.30.)

New twist in cell death case

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

Mr Jack Tseko, a black man, appeared in court in Parys, in the Orange Free State, yesterday charged with the murder of Mr Johannes Ngalo, another black, who was found dead in a cell in the local police station last Monday.

Despite this latest development lawyers for Mr Ngalo's family said they were proceeding with a civil claim against the police. The family disputes the police version of events leading to Mr Ngalo's death, which has been repeatedly changed.

An independent post mortem examination, performed yesterday, is understood to have confirmed the earlier finding of a state pathologist that Mr Ngalo suffered multiple injuries before his death.

The police said at first that Mr Ngalo had been picked up in Parys last Sunday in a drunken state, put in a cell overnight and found dead the next morning.

One of the other detainees claimed to have seen Mr Ngalo being knocked about by the police. The police then alleged that shortly before his arrest Mr Ngalo had tried to rob a cafe, and had been kicked when the black owner defended himself

Now comes the additional claim that earlier still Mr Ngalo had been involved in a fight with Mr Tseko, a lodger in his house. The family concede that the two men quarrelled but insist there was no physical violence between them.

Meanwhile two petrol bombs exploded in Lenasia, the Indian township outside Johannesburg early yesterday, and a third in the nearby Coloured area of Eldorado Park.



M Pierre Werner: Three decades in politics.

Luxembourg Socialists in coalition

Luxembourg (Reuter) – M Jacques Santer, the new Prime Minister, has formed a coalition Government between his Social Christian Party and the Socialists, to replace the Grand Dutchy's outgoings centre-right coalition.

The Government, approved by both parties' congresses after weeks of post-election bargaining, was being sworn in by Grand Duke Jean, Head of State.

M Santer, aged 47, replaces the outgoing Social Christian, M Pierre Werner, aged 70, who retired after three decades in politics.

The Socialists, led by M Jacques Poos, a banker, who is the new Deputy Prime Minister, won a place in Government after replacing the Liberals as the second largest party in last month's general election. They were last in Government from 1974-79 under the Liberal M Gaston Thorn.

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Argentine insisted on linking talks with Falklands sovereignty

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The Government still would wish to make progress towards restoring normal relations with Argentina but would need to assess carefully the implications of the attitude displayed by the Argentines which caused the breakdown of talks in Berne, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons.

The talks broke down, he explained, because the Argentinians were not willing to talk about the normalization of relations without linkage with the question of sovereignity over the Falkland Islands.

He said in a statement that he was sure the House would share his sense of regret and frustration that after many months of careful preparation, the Argentine Government brought the talks to an abrupt and premature end by failing to proceed upon the basis that had been clearly agreed.

The specifically agreed arrangement on the issue of sovereignty was that if the Argentine representatives raised the subject, as they clearly wished to do, the British representatives would make quite clear in reply that they were not prepared to discuss it. As foreseen, this happened.

We went on to suggest (he said) a number of practical issues – such as the resumption of normal commercial and financial relations, the restoration of the air services agreement between Britain and Argentina, and a visit by Argentine next-of-kin to the Falkland Islands – on which there could be some prospect of agreement.

We regarded this as the best way to start restoring confidence between Britain and Argentina. But the Argentine representatives were not prepared to continue the talks on this basis, although it had been areed in advance.

They argued that discussion of any of the practical issues put forward by the British side would have to be linked to discussion of a mechanism to address the question of sovereignty. Unless this new condition was met the Argentines were not prepared to continue the talks. This was totally at variance with the agreed basis and the talks thus came to an end.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said he deplored the breakdown of talks and shared the sense of regret and frustration that had followed so many of the Foreign Secretary's recent initiatives. (Laughter)

Reports in the British press stated that the breaking point was the refusal of the Government to say that it was not "yet" prepared to discuss the issue of sovereignty. The word "yet" was the breaking point. Will he recall (he asked), that it is unwise to use the word "never" in matters of this nature?

Would it not be much wiser to take the advice of the former Foreign Secretary (Mr Francis Pym) who told the Select Committee on June 11 that it would be wrong to close down any option and that we must get back to a position where sovereignty could be discussed?

Will he consider changing the basis which the Government has so far sought recognizing what everyone in the world knows, that at some time or other sovereignty will have to be discussed between this Government and Argentina?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I welcome his support for the general statement, although I regret his succumbing to



Healey: Unwise to use word 'never'.

the temptation to couple it with a cheap and unworthy observation.

We have made it clear that we are not prepared to discuss sovereignty. However regrettable from many points of views, the Argentines have to live with the consequence of the fact that it was they who used force and invaded at a time when we where negotiating on that very question in all good faith.

The war and the casualties on both sides changed attitudes in Britain and in the Falkland Islands.

Mr James Lester (Broxtowe, C): Has there been a misunderstanding or a deliberate change of policy by President Alfonsin since the talks began? Can he suggest any other avenues that can be pursued to seek the desirable objective he has outlined?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I do not think anyone other than the Argentine Government can cast any light on the reasons for what actually happened.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C): Double talk apart, does not Argentina mean by discussing sovereignty, discussing the transfer of sovereignty?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: Plainly the word sovereignty in this context implies the transfer of sovereignty.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab): Who authorized the wrecking statement made before the conclusion of the talks by Sir Rex Hunt? Did the Prime Minister know?

Is an article in *The Sunday Times* last week to be believed, saying Argentine missiles are being put in position with the possibility of attacking our forces?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The statement made by Sir Rex Hunt was to explain to the Falkland Islanders that there was no change in the frequently expressed position of the Government about negotiations on sovereignty.

The newsaper report about missiles had nothing whatsoever to do with this matter.

Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and Sortford, C): I congratulate him for arranging these talks. It shows a flexibility on the part of the British Government we had been led not to expect.

But can he assure the House he is not being too rigid about discussions on sovereignty? Clearly negotiations could take place by simply listening to the Argentine position and not negotiating about it.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: There is no question of rigidity or intransigence on this matter. As a matter of plain common sense, still less than two years since the unjustified invasion of the Falklands in the midst of negotiations in good faith on the question of sovereignty, our position must be that we are not prepared to negotiate about that subject.

Accordingly, our position must be one of trying to find a way of identifying other topics on which talks can commence for restoring normalization.

Mr John Evans (St Helens North, Lab): Is not the main reason for the collapse of the discussions the fact that the moment we start discussing sovereignty the cripplingly expensive Fortress Falklands policy, which exists mainly to bolster the Prime Minister's image, will be shown for the nonsense that it is?

No agreement will ever be reached with the Argentine as long as Mrs Thatcher continues in office as Prime Minister.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: Both observations are totally invalid. The question of sovereignty or questions of that kind were deliberately and carefully put to one side in the formula we designed. Discussions came to an end because of the failure of the Argentine to follow the agreed formula.

Mr Healey: Is he really saying this morning that Britain will never consider the problem of sovereignty with the democratic government in the Argentine?

Why is the Government not prepared to add the word "yet" or at least words like "now" or "at present" to its statement that it is not prepared to discuss sovereignty?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The Government was seeking, on the basis of the plainly stated position that we were not prepared to negotiate sovereignty, to find a basis on which we could move towards more normal relations.

● In the House of Lords, **Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos**, Leader of the Labour Opposition peers asked if there was an indication that talks would be resumed with Argentine representatives.

Lord Gladwyn (L) asked whether the agreed arrangement that sovereignty should not be discussed had been formulated in writing and added: If so, could the documents be produced to make clear that the Argentine went back on its word?

Lady Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs: The need now is to pause and reflect over these matters. The formula was agreed with the Aregentine Government and I can confirm that it was an arrangement in writing.

Later she agreed to consider the request that it be published.

Lord Home of the Hirsel (C): the wounds of war are far too raw to raise the question of sovereignty. That is particularly so when the Argentine consistently refuses to say that the state of war is at an end.

When Lady Young said that Britain was confident on the matter of sovereignty and did not consider it necessary to refer the matter to the International Court of Justice, Lord Cledwyn said that the more confident Britain was, the more ready it should be to go to the international court.

Guinea after Sekou Touré

Refugees come home to a more hopeful future

From Susan MacDonald, Dakar

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The new military regime in the West African state of Guinea has gone to great lengths to create an atmosphere of tranquility and confidence, fulfilling the promises it made when it took power in a coup on April 3.

Guineans appear to be losing their sense of oppression and fear, and there is an air of relaxed openness. One effect is that some of the two million refugees are beginning to return.

A request for help with reabsorbing them brought a study team from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at the beginning of this month, to assess the problems created by a steady flow of refugees back into a country which is potentially one of the richest in Africa. But devastated by 26 years of the late President Sekou Touré's dictatorship.

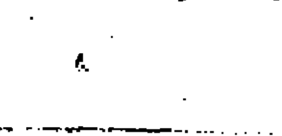
The UNHCR has now announced a £750,000 relief operation over the next six months designed to beneit 100,000 refugees.

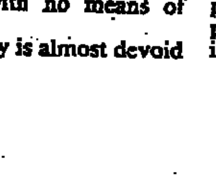
The team travelled through Guinea talking to those already back, who found themselves having to pick up the threads of their lives with no means of doing so.

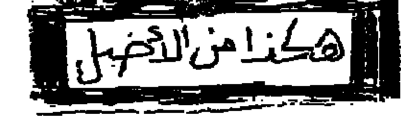
The country is almost devoid of many essentials, including schools, educational equipment and medical supplies. The team were impressed with the relatively good state of the roads until the realized that traffic was practically nil.

Some of those returning have started to build simple houses and schools. The relief programme includes food, medicine and medical equipment, seeds and 20,000 simple kits of hoe, machete and saw.

Sekou Tourés harsh treatment of his real and imagined enemies and his high rural taxes, with fear of imprisonment for non-payment, caused intellectuals and peasants alike to flee. For the moment it is mainly peasants who are returning. The intellectuals are awaited with some trepidation, perhaps by a regime with no previous experience of governing.







Suspicion grips villages of Punjab in wake of action at Amritsar

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Kohali is a small village near Amritsar, with 250 houses, 35 of them belonging to Hindus and the rest to Sikhs, who have lived as one family since they migrated from Pakistan in August 1947.

The hot wind that blew over Punjab in the wake of killings of the innocent by the late Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale's men did not affect them, so much so that when three Hindu families moved to Amritsar out of fear, the village elders brought them back.

Today, the same village, after the Army operation in the Golden Temple, is an uneasy place. Hindus and Sikhs keep to themselves and the two communities are estranged.

But almost all of Punjab is like Kohali these days, the two communities are polarized to the last child. As I travelled through the state for three days, I could feel this sense of separateness which, until recently, had been evident only in some of the urban areas.

The feeling of hurt among the Sikhs is still deep five weeks after the army action. Many, though outraged by the actions of Bhindranwale and his men at the Golden Temple, seem to be prolonging the phase of lamentations, and relish feeling like a persecuted minority.

Hindus are without exception relieved after the nightmare of nearly two years. In some places they are even jubilant over the army action. Most of them, even though satisfied that the Army action has curbed terrorism, feel deep sorrow over the damage to the Golden Temple, which they too consider sacred.

Clearly, what is needed is strong leadership to set in motion the process of forgetting and forgiving. Neither community seems to have such leaders. Both live too much in the past and there is a familiar ring in their accusations and counter-accusations.

The Sikhs' anger is not only directed against Mrs Indira Gandhi, India's Prime Minister, but also at the Hindus, though they had little to do with the Government's decision. But it makes the process of mutual conciliation more difficult.

The attitude of the two communities towards the presence of the Army in Punjab is a test case. The Sikhs want it to be withdrawn immediately. The Hindus want it to withdraw only from the gurdwaras (Sikh temples); they are afraid that the killings might start again once the Army is returned to barracks.

Nearly all Sikhs believe that the Army has indulged in excesses while Hindus brush aside even a few instances as an exaggeration.

The question that both communities must now ask themselves is: where do we go from here? The Hindus realize that the Army is no answer and if deployed indefinitely, it would lose its effectiveness and might get embroiled in communal matters.

The Hindus can probably take the initiative and try to win back Sikh opinion at a personal level. But they too have a grievance. When they were the targets of wanton killers the Sikhs did not come to their rescue. Still I found the Hindu leaders in Amritsar, Jalandhar and Chandigarh wanting to take steps to assuage Sikh feelings.

Gandhi rebuffs Zia over Indian Muslims

From Our Correspondent, Delhi

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has taken strong exception to a letter from General Zia-ul-Haq, the Pakistani leader, in which he drew her attention to the "killing of Muslims" during the recent riots in Bhiwandi and Bombay.

In a harshly worded reply, sent a few days ago, she told him that it was none of his business to make such comments, adding that Pakistan's treatment of minorities was far worse than India's.

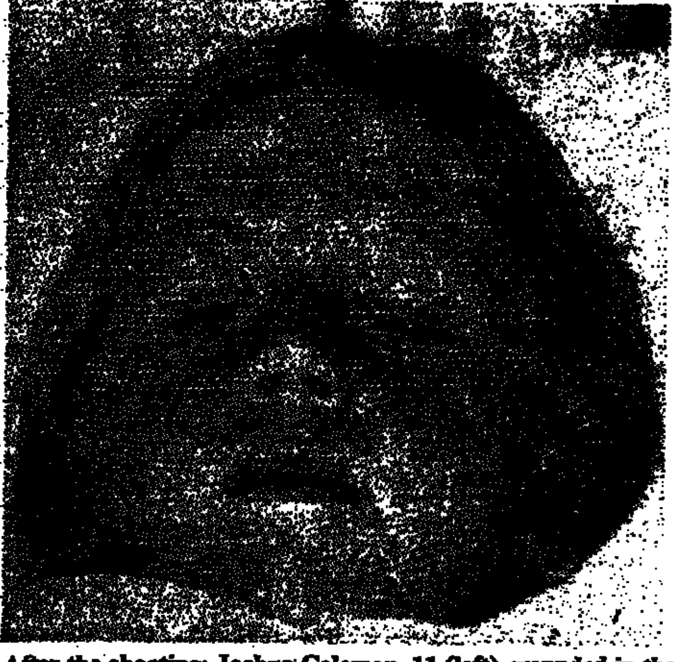
General Zia's letter said that he realised that what happened to Muslims in India was the country's "internal matter" and that he should not say anyuthing which could be construed as "interfeence", that he had to take account of the principle of "universality of Islam".

In her letter Mrs Gandhi said that Indian Muslims were India's concern and she did not want any outside interference in their affairs, whatever the grounds.

General Zia has not replied to Mrs Gandhi's letter, although he has reiterated his "concern" over the Muslims in India in a press intervierw in Islamabad. His letter is apparently for home consumption; the older generation in Pakistan still feels that, by partitioning the subcontinent, it secured its position but did not protect the interests of Muslims in India.

This is not the first time that General Zia has talked about Muslims in India and their "suffering". His comments on the Moradabad riots two years ago provoked an angry response in India. Delhi reacted sharply to what it considered Islamabad's interference in its affairs.

Observers believe that General Zia's letter is one of the reasons that prompted Mrs Gandhi to postpone talks between the two countries at official and ministerial level.



After the shooting: Joshua Coleman, 11 (left), wounded in the shooting, talking to reporters from his hospital bed, while Mrs Etna Huberty spoke of her husband

'I'm going hunting for humans'

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Minutes before James Huberty stormed into McDonald's restaurant in the tiny California boarder town of San Ysidro and started his murderous onslaught that left 21 dead he told his wife "I'm going hunting for humans"

His widow Etna, said yesterday "I didn't know what he was talki about. He said he heard voices in his head and they would not go away."

Mrs Huberty, speaking to San Diego's televison station KFMB, painted the picture of a troubled husband. "He was not in his right mind. He said God was two tall and had a blonde beard" she said tearfully. "I didn't think he was capable of what he did."

As the tiny community of San Ysidro tried to return to normalcy after Wednesday's violence, Mrs Huberty sat in her apartment just one block from the restaurant

She said her husband had bought her and their two daughters from the small Ohio town of Massalon to San Diego after he lost his job as a welder

The family came to California seven months ago and Mr Huberty took a job as a security guard but was dismissed a week ago.

On the day of the massacre Mrs Huberty said he took her and their daughters to the San Diego *Zoo* and to *breakfast* at another McDonald's restaurant not far from where the bloodbath occured. A day or so before the shootings she said her husband had tried to make an appointment with a doctor at a mental health clinic nearby but the clinic told him they would call back. They never did, she claimed.

She said her husband "Found nothing but frustrations and broken dreams in San Diego looking for some kind of work..

She said they were not separated and that he never took drugs.

Party chiefs in Canada run risk of losing seats

From John Best Ottawa,

Whichever party wins the Canadian general election on September 4 could find itself without a leader in the House of Commons. All three main party leaders face tough individual fights to get elected.

Mr John Turner, the Liberal Prime Minister, has chosen to run in Vancouver Quadra (British Columbia), where he once attended university. For 12 years the constituency has been securelyn held by the Conservatives.

Mr Brian Mulroney, The Tory leader, is running in Manicouagan, a sprawling rural Quebec constituency which the Liberal candidate won by 16,000 votes in the 1980 elections.

Both chose their constituencies for important symbolic reasons. Mr Turner is trying to lead a revival of battered Liberal fortunes in western Canada – the Liberals won no British Colombia seats in 1980 –r and Mr Mulroney is trying to do the same for the Conservatives in French-speaking Quebec.

Mr Ed Broadbent, leader of the third party in the Commons, the left-wing New Democrats, is seeking re-election in Oshawa, Ontario. The Tories claim that local opinion polls show their candidate running ahead of Mr Broadbent.

Schools in Malta get ultimatum

From Our Correspondent, Valletta

Church secondary schools in Malta have received from the Minister of Education a list of conditions, to be accepted if the government is to give them a licence to operate during the next school year, which begins in September.

The main condition is that no fees be charged and "fees", according to the Education Act, include all kinds of remuneration or compensation, including a donation or contribution.

The other conditions are largely aimed at bringing church schools in line with government schools and giving the Director of Education full control over them.

The schools have been given until July 31 to inform the Deptartment of Education whether they are prepared to accept the conditions. Any school which does not will be taken over by the Government.

However, all schools are expected to apply for a licence

Abba faces £4.6m tax allegations

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

The pop group, Abba, yesterday faced allegations made by the Swedish inland revenue of tax evasion totalling £4.6m.

The allegations, published in the leading Stockholm daily *Dagens Nyheter*, involve two cases of alleged revenue concealment in deals by Abba-owned companies. Mr Lage Carlstrom, State Prosecutor, said that, after civil court cases to brought later this year by the inland revenue for payment of the money, he was prepared to institute criminal proceedings against the group

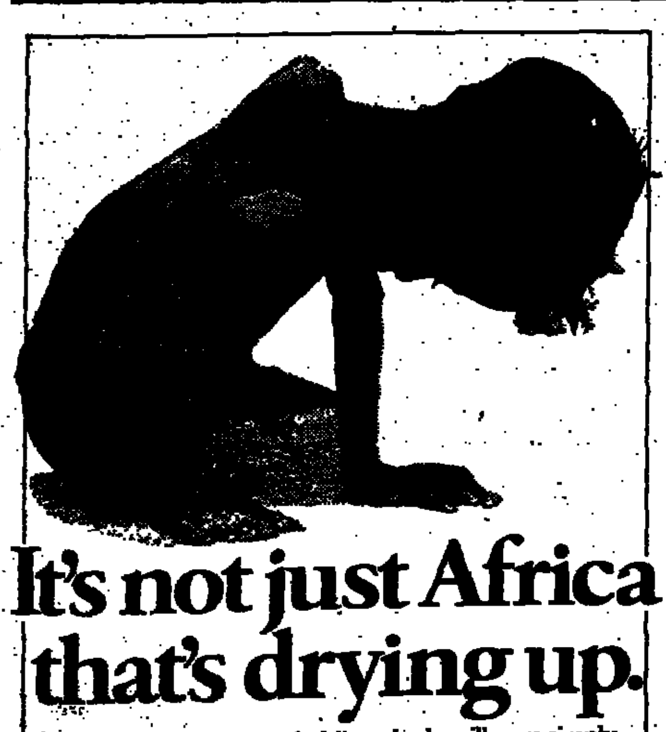
Abba's parent company, Polar Music Invest, is alleged to have concealed £3.8m in disposing of a defunct oil trading firm. The four Abba members and their manager, Mr Stikkan Anderson, are also accused of evading taxes estimated at £800,000 in a complex deal involving their property company, Stockholms Badhus.

Peru Indians massacred

Ayacucho (Reuter) – Ninety-two Indian peasants have been reported massacred in three Peruvian villages this week as political violence reached a new peak in a month-long offensive by Maoist guerrillas.

Refugees arriving this south-eastern city yesterday said the biggest massacre was in Arcac, where 40 people were shot. The killers wore hoods and security force uniforms, and drove police or army vehicles, refugees said.

Relatives and witnesses said 32 bodies were found on Thursday outside Quini, 20 miles north-east of here, and 20 people were shot on Monday in San José de Ticllas, 36 miles to the east. The gunmen were dressed in civilian clothes they said.







Israel threatens to cut off southern Lebanon in row over 'liaison' office

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

In apparent retaliation for the Lebanese Government's decision to close the Isreali "liaison" office north of Beirut, Israeli officials in Lebanon are now threatening to prevent Lebanese civilians from travelling to southern Lebanon by refusing to issue permits that allow them to cross the Israeli front line.

For almost a year, the Israeli authorities have insisted that anyone crossing the Awali or Bisri rivers into the south of Lebanon should obtain a pass – written in Hebrew and issued at the "liaison" office at Dbaye, 12 miles outside the capital – even though such permits have no validity in Lebanese law.

The bureau, a two-storey villa above the Mediterranean which had hitherto been guarded by Lebanese Government troops, was ordered to close by the Lebanese Cabinet two days ago.

In an apparent reference to the three armed Israeli security men from the office who were captured by the Syrians while, on their own admission, on a reconnaissance trip more than two months ago, Mr Adel Oseiran, the Lebanese Defence Minister, rudely referred to the office as "an espionage centre" – even though it was legally set up under the terms of the Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal agreement of May 17, 1983. President Gemayel of Lebanon abrogated the unratified treaty last March

If, however, the Israelis still demand written passes from the tens of thousands of Lebanese wishing to travel to the south of their own country each month, and if they refuse to issue such documents at their front line, they will have helped to partition Lebanon even further, an act they once promised they would never contemplate. The "pass" system was, in any case, never part of the May 17 agreement.

Lebanese wishing to visit relatives or do business in Sidon and Tyre have experienced growing delays in acquiring Israeli permits in recent weeks. During the past month, foreign correspondents based in Beirut have also been forced to wait two or three days to obtain written passes to go south.

Ironically, and despite Israel's claim that it is Syria which wishes to partition Lebanon, it still takes only two or three minutes to cross the Syrian front lines in the mountains east and north of Beirut. The Syrian Army requires no form of pass to travel into its area of occupation – Syrian soldiers ask only for identity cards or passports – and there are none of the 24-hour delays which thousands of Lebanese now have to endure on the road south.

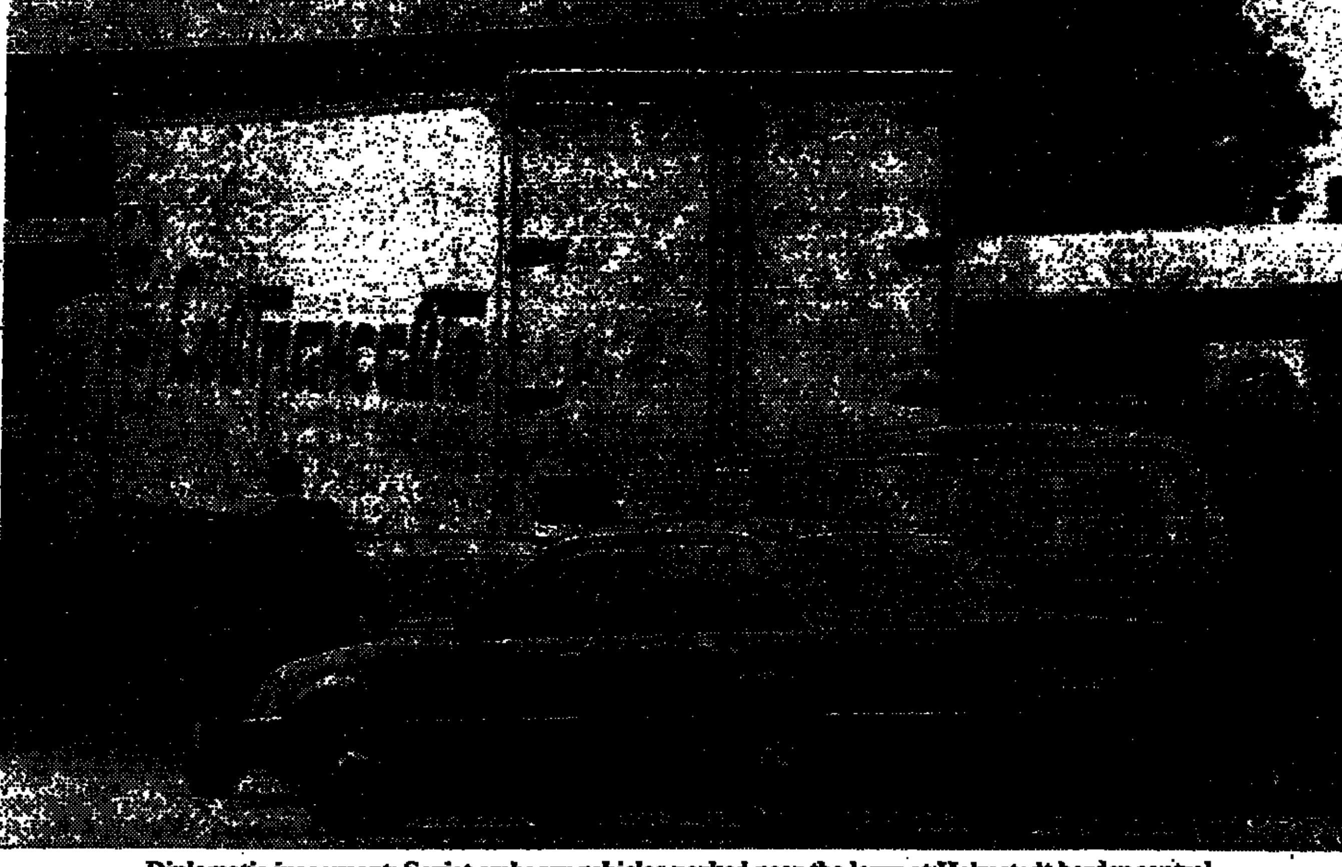
An official spokesman at the Israeli office at Dbaye, who identified himself only as "Robert", said yesterday: "We are not issuing permits any more. No further comment."

● FOUR KILLED: Four people were killed and several wounded on Thursday night when unidentified gunmen fired on civilians in the northern Lebanese town of Zghorta (Reuter reports).

Women and children were among the casualties when the gunmen fired from a car in a residential area of the town, security sources said. Zghorta, four miles south-east of Tripoli, is the home town of the former president, Mr Suleiman Franjieh, whose Marada militia last week fought for four days with gunmen of the National Syrian Socialist Party.

Air France flights resume

Air France resumes its service to Beirut on Tuesday with two Airbus flights each week. Beirut Airport reopened on July 9 and Middle East Airlines has already resumed its regular Paris-Beirut service.



Diplomatic juggernaut: Soviet embassy vehicles parked near the lorry at Helmstedt border control.

Moscow and Bonn fall out over lorry

A diplomatic row has broken out between Bonn and Moscow because the West Germans refused to allow the sealed nine-ton Soviet lorry recently refused entry by Switzerland to cross the border into East Germany (Michael Binyon writes from Bonn).

West German intelligence sources have suggested that the lorry, said by the Russians to be carrying office equipment which should be considered as diplomatic baggage, was transporting electronic eaves-dropping equipment which the Russians had intended to install in their United Nations mission in Geneva.

The Swiss authorities would not allow the lorry to be unloaded without an inventory, which the Russians refused to give, so after being sealed by customs officials it set off on Wednesday to return to Moscow.

The lorry has been detained at Helmstedt, the motorway crossing point, since Thursday evening. The Soviet embassy has lodged a formal protest. Herr Peter Boenisch, the Government spokesman, said the lorry had aroused suspicion because on its way to Geneva it deviated from the main road to pass close to a Swiss military airfield.

Weizman wooed by all sides in election

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Even before next week's Israeli election, leaders of the two main political blocks, Likud and Labour, have started sounding out Mr Ezer Weizman, leader and founder of the Yahad Centre Party, about his conditions for joining a future coalition.

The intensive wooing of the former Defence Minister is a tribute to the energetic, flamboyant and refreshingly civilized campaign he has waged in an effort to secure an eventual balance of power.

The initial scepticism which greeted the founding of his new party three ago has fast evaporated in the face of opinion polls predicting that it will secure a respectable and possibly crucial three to four seats. This success is due mainly to the party's platform, emphasizing the importance of political intergerity and the supreme value of peace.

"I spent my life dreaming and planning how to destroy the Egyptian Air Force," the former fighter pilot told a team of Egyptian journalists this week. "Only when that great man, Anwar Sadat, came to Jerusalem did we learn that the battle for peace is as fierce and unrelenting as the battle we conducted in our wars."

Yahad is mainly a vehicle for Mr Weizman's larger-than-life personality and his extraordinary ability to charm Jews and Arabs alike.

Earlier this month, Mr Weizman attracted an audience of *10,000 Arabs* to an election rally believed to have been the largest staged by a Zionist party in the Arab sector. He was treated like a long lost brother and granted a mounted honour guard as he arrived in an open Jeep.

Mr Weizman: New ideas in dull campaign

"Our fathers and brothers fought for this land. The time has come to stop fighting. The time has come to stop sending each other home. The time has come to start inviting each other home,"Mr Weizman said, in stark contrast to the extremism which has marked the speeches of many Israeli politicians. "The time has come to treat each other with respect."

At the age of 60, Mr Weizman, who once courted his wife by dropping red roses on to her tennis court from the cockpit of his Sptifire, has brought colour to an otherwise dull campaign and also some fresh ideas.

Because new parties only get 10 minutes television advertising time, compared with about 300 each for the two main political groups, Mr Weizman has established his presence the hard way, crisscrossing Israel for scores of meetings designed to support Yahad's slogan: "I believe in Weizman."

He has steadfastly refused to given any hint of which party he would join after the poll – although his opposition to West Bank settlements had led most commentators to assume his main preference was Labour.

Even during the three years in the political wilderness which followed his resignation from the Likud Cabinet in 1980 in protest over its Hawkish polocies, Mr Weizman has remained one of the most popular Israeli politicians.



Sandinistas extend emergency

From Alan Tomlinson,
Managua

The Sandinista Government has extended the state of emergency in Nicaragua restricting certain civil liberties for almost the whole of the forthcoming election campaign. With less than three weeks to go before the campaign begins, the left-wing junta had been expected to suspend the emergency law during celebrations on Thursday to mark the fifth anniversary of the Sandinista revolution. Instead the law has been extended for three months, and will expire only two weeks before voting on November 4.

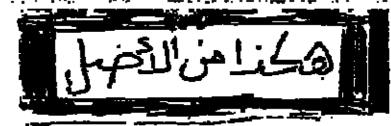
The decision increases the likelihood that centre and right-wing opposition parties will boycott the elections. Señor Luis Rivas Leiva, president of the Democratic Coordinating Committee, said: "This narrows the possibility that democratic sectors in Nicaragua can participate. "And let it be seen that the opposition parties are not to blame if there is no taking part in the process."

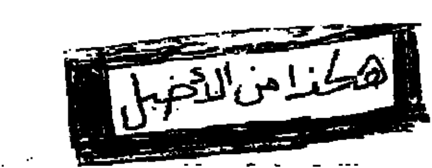
However, parties have not rushed to declare their withdrawal from the elections. The Government did make some concession by revoking clauses of the law banning public meetings and demonstrations.

The coordinator of the Sandinista Administration Comandante Daniel Ortega, addressing 150,000 supporters in Managua's Heroes and Marty's Square on the anniversary, declared: "Much is said about the state of emergency. The hypocrites clamour for the Government to suspend it when we all know that it is the North American Government with its terrorist policies that has imposed a state of national emergency on Nicaragua.

"Is it not an emergency to have to mobilize thousands of students and workers to the battlefields, to have to apply extra ordinary measures to guarantee food supply and production?" he said.

A government official said the election, for a president, vice-president and 90 member constituent assembly, would be the cleanest and fairest in Nicaragua's history, despite the state of emergency.





Mondale's long journey from Minnesota ends in challenge to Reagan

From Nicholas Ashford, San Francisco

There were balloons, there were thousands of fluttering plastic American flags, there were sackfuls of tinselly confetti. There was rock music and solemn music, there were cheers and tears – and in the middle of this traditional convention finale were the man and woman, Mr Walter Mondale and Mrs Geraldine Ferraro, who hope to lead the Democratic Party to victory in November.

For the man in the middle, this schmaltzy variety show was the culmination of a political journey that began in his home state of Minnesota three decades ago.

It was also the opportunity for Mr Mondale to position himself in the middle ground of American politics in an attempt to win over the millions of ordinary voters who have been lured away from the Democratic Party by the man who so stylishly and successfully plays the role of "Mr Middle America", President Ronald Reagan.

Mr Mondale's acceptance speech at the end of the Democratic National Convention on Thursday night provided a classic example of a party leader trying to touch as many of his political bases as possible – and will inevitably produce new charges of pandering to special interest groups.

There were gestures towards women, blacks, trade unionists, teachers, nuclear freezers as well as towards supporters of his former rival for the presidential nomination, Senator Gary Hart. But his speech also represented a courageous attempt by Mr Mondale to separate himself from his past and his associations with the unpopular Carter Administration.

Acknowledging that Mr Reagan "beat the pants off us in 1980" he pledged to offer the nation a "new realism" ready for the future, and recapturing the best of our tradition."

Mr Mondale also boldly – perhaps even foolhardily – threw down the gauntlet before President Reagan by challenging him to a televised debate on how each would reduce the countrys $2000m budget deficit.

Mr Mondale's solution: to raise taxes with the intention of slashing the deficitby two-thirds by 1989. Unusually, his promise to raise taxes produced a loud round of applause. But, as he quickly pointed out, "Mr Reagan will also raise taxes, but he won't tell you."



The President was keeping his plans to reduce the deficit secret until after the election, he charged. "That's not leadership, that's salesmanship."

Most of Mr Mondale's speech was delivered in measured, almost bland tones and only during an impromtu passage attacking the Reagan Administration's failed arms control policies did he show any passion.

He did not attempt to match the oratorical virtuosity displayed earlier in the convention by Governor Mario Cuomo, the Rev Jesse Jackson or Senator Edward Kennedy (who introduced Mr Mondale to the convention) because he knew that he was unable to. That is not his style.

Instead, he methodically attacked the Reagan Administration for adopting domestic policies that favoured the rich while hurting workers and middle-classs Americans, and of nuclear war.

He pledged to negotiate a mutually verifiable nuclear arms freeze with the Soviet Union and to stop "the illegal war in Nicaragua".

But, conscious that the Democratic Party has a reputation of being "soft" on defence, he assured voters he would make "no defence cuts that weaken our security."

It was good speech, but not a great one, and suffered from having too many advisers working on it for too long. But it brought delegates to their feet in a chorus of applause that underscored a common desire to see Mr Mondale move into the White House next year and for President Reagan to leave by the back door.

But the longest applause and the loudest cheers were reserved for Mrs Ferraro who had earlier been nominated by acclamation as Mr Mondale's vice-presidential running mate.

Her ecstatic reception was due not so much for what she said but simply because she is a woman - the first in America to run on a presidential ticket.

She brought the 4,000 delegates in the hall to their feet in wild applause when she declared: "By choosing a woman to run for our nation's second highest office, you send a powerful signal to all Americans. There are no doors we cannot unlock. We will place no limits on achievement. If we can do this, we can do anything."

Like Mr Mondale's, her speech was also delivered in soft, measured tones and contained none of the flashes of New York wit.

Her acceptance speech carefully dealt with issues which are of concern for men as well as women. But the loudest applause came when she unreservedly declared that a Mondale-Ferraro Administration would pass the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). "Wonder Woman lives," exclaimed one excited delegate.

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Britain acknowledges war-time looting by soldiers

Long wait by Greek islanders for redress

After the letter from Mr Michael Haag detailing allegations by the islanders of Kastellorizo in the Dodecanese, Mario Modiano reports from the island on grievances against the British.

By awarding Greece compensation worth 10 million drachmas (about £66,000), Britain has acknowledged the looting of the island Kastellorizo by Birtish troops who occupied it after Italy's capitulation in 1943, in what seems to be an embarrassing and unrecorded incident of the Second World War.

However, because of the negligence of successive Greek Governments implimentation of this agreement, signed on March 7 1955, can only begin now. So, instead of receiving damages worth the equivalent of £120,000 the depreciation of the drachma means that the Kastellorizans are now entitled to divide only half of that sum between them 40 years after the loss of their possessions.

"This is plain robbery", the mayor, Mr Yiannis Kyzalas protested, "Many of us will refuse to take the money since it is worth nothing today."Behind the cheerful façade of its picturesque seafront, Kastellorizo is a ghost town where the scars of the last war are painfully visible. The single row of brightly coloured houses conceals the drama of a dying town kept alive only by the tenacity of the remaining 180 inhabitants and the love of thousands of expatriate Kastellorizans.

Yesterday most seafront shops stayed closed as young islanders chased people who ventured out, to throw them fully clothed into the sea in honour of a tradition marking the eve of St Elias's Day.

But the young people rarely strayed into the narrow side strees where the signs of desolation are palpable. Every other house lies in ruins; empty shells of stone, some gate still heavily padlocked. It is difficult to tell which ones were gutted by fire, hit by German bombs, or simply left decaying, their owners now in Australia or the United States.

On the hilly east side of the hourseshoe bay, which faces Turkey's south coast one mile away, there is an ominous bald patch now covered with shrubs under a medieval castle around which the richest houses were once nestled.

It was here that a big fire in 1944 destroyed more than 1,000 house. What caused it is still a mystery since the island's population had been evacuated to Middle East refugee camps after the German air raids that followed the capitulation of local Italian garrisons to the British.

One man remained behind. He was Mr Dimitrios Ahldiotis, now aged 64, who guarded the light house. "Every time I came into town for provisions, I saw British soldiers breaking into the houses and emerging with carpets, cutlery, sets of crystal glasses, even bookcases," he told me.

"I believe they set the houses on fire to cover up the looting and also because they wanted to chase the Greeks away and surrender the island to the Turks," he said. It is an opinion shared by the mayor, who believes that the passenger ship Empire Patrol, which was repatriating him and his fellow islanders from the Middle East was deliberately set on fire and scuttled for the same reason. A total of 33 people were drowned.

Evidence of the looting was officially confirmed in Rhodes, where the claims comittee set up to implement the Anglo-Greek Agreement under the chairmanship of an Appeal Court judge, has concluded a reviewing of 850 petitions, most of them from Kastellorizans.

The highest sum was awarded to the Constantinou brothers, a total of 1.55 million drachmas (just over £10,000 now) for the disappearance of several heavy pieces of electrical equipment from their power house.

The committee refused to accept British responsibility for the destruction of the power house building as well as many private homes. But damages were awarded for the theft of household valuables, such as carpets and paintings, even a postage stamp collection.

Total claims amounted to 17.75 million drachmas and the Greek Government may be asking Britain to supplement the sum: under the Greek decree payment cannot begin until all claims have been processed.

Several claim petitions were rejected simply because they were not submitted withing the six months delay allowed. It was mainly those Kastellorizans who emigrated who missed the chance if, under the present circumstances, this can still be called a chance.

FORCES DENIAL: The islanders claims that Katerllorizo was looted and burned by occupying British forces were firmly denied by former servicemen yesterday (Michael Horsnell writes).

Mr Noel Jackson, from Burghfield, Berkshire, a sergeant in the Corps of Signals who was in charge of the signals detachment on the island until the spring of 1944, said the allegations were disturbing.

"There was certainly no looting of any kind while I was there," he said. "The Frontier Force Rifles were a highly disciplined Sikh force and I and others of the small contingent carried out repairs to the roofs of house damaged in air raids.

"After I left I heard that a fire had broken out with the few troops there were unable to contain because of the high wind at the time."

Professor Norman Hampson of the history department at York University, who was involved in the occupation of Kastellorizo blamed enemy action for the damage there.

Ghost town: The quay at Kastellorizo with its deceptively cheerful facade

Italian TV star freed to take EEC seat

Rome – Signor Enzo Tortora, the popular television personality, was released from house arrest in Milan to enable him to take his seat in the European Parliament (Peter Nichols writes).

He was arrested 13 months ago for alleged involvement with the Camorra, the Neapolitan Mafia. He consistently denied the charges and had not been tried.

He was allowed to leave prison after his election last month on the Radical Parly list, to await his final release at home. Signor Tortora yesterday said that his first act would be to visit his fellow prisoners at Bergano jail where he spent seven months.

£2.5m bank haul recovered

New Orleans (Reuter) – Police here recovered $3.3m (£2.5m) from a bank robbery in Memphis, Tennessee, last November.

FBI agents said the money was found behind wall panelling in houses owned by three people accused of the $6.5m robbery from Wells Fargo Bank. The three were arrested here on Wednesday.

Iberia hit again

Madrid – Spanish pilots kept up their disruption of commercial flights as a government-appointed arbitrator tried to resolve the month-long strike. Iberia, the state airline, had to cancel 14 international and 52 domestic flights yesterday.

Ferry strike off

Rome – The Italian ferry strike has been suspended after talks between the union and the Government. But if union claims are not met, the strike will resume. It was seen as a serious threat to the tourist industry in the islands, particularly Sardinia and Sicily.

Detainees freed

Lagos (AFP) – Nigeria's military rulers released nine officials of the country's ousted civilian government, bringing to 40 the total of former officials freed after investigation of alleged corruption or illegal currency dealings.

Space tests

Moscow (Reuter) – Three Soyuz cosmonauts visiting the three-man crew aboard the Salyut 7 space station are testing their reacton to weightlessness and carrying out scientific experiments, Tass said.

Storm search

Delhi (AP) – The Indian Navy launched an air-sea search off the Arabian Sea coast for 34 fishing boats missing in rough seas, with a total of 270 crew members.

Britons visited

Five of the six Britons detained in Libya without trial were visited by the British Consul in Tripoli, the Foreign Office said.

France agrees tax cuts worth £2.8 billion

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Tax cuts worth billions of francs, a bill to extend the use of referendums and a motion for a vote of confidence in the Governments overall policies have all been approved by the new Cabinet at its first meeting.

The confidence motion will be put to Parliament on Tuesday after a general outline of the Government's policies by M Laurent Fabius, the Prime Minister. He has already made clear that there will be no change in the Government's economic policies.

The vote will be the first test of the Communists' attitude after their decision supporting Government measures which they consider to be in line with the joint programme agreed by the Socialists and Communists in June, 1981.

The bill to extend the use of referendums to cover questions of fundamental civil liberties must be passed in the same from by both houses before the proposal can be put to the country – in the form of a referendum – probably in September.

The tax cuts totalling Fr32bn (about £2.8bn) form part of the 1 per cent cut in taxes and levies as a proportion of GDP promised by President Mitterrand for next year. Cuts in Government spending totalling Fr80bn will have to be found next year to pay for the tax reduction.

The planned Fr10bn income tax cut means an average of nearly £60 per year per taxpayer. A further Fr10bn will be cut from the so-called professional tax paid by businessmen, and Fr12bn from social security contributions by suppressing the special 1 per cent social security levy on incomes introduced by the Government as part of its economic austerity package in March, 1983.

The Cabinet approved plans to limit the increase in Government spending in cash terms to 6 per cent and the Government deficit to 3 per cent of GDP.

Genscher cultivates Iran links

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, arrived in Tehran yesterday for three days of talks with Iranian leaders that will deal mainly with trade and bilateral relations. He does not plan any initiative to end the Gulf war.

Herr Genscher is the first Western Foreign Minister to visit Iran since the downfall of the Shah, and his trip has prompted strong protests here by Iranian exiles and human rights organizations. Iranian students in West Germany called the visit a "slap in the face" for the democratic resistance in Iran.

Iran and West Germany have maintained surprisingly good relations, and Bonn has escaped much of the invective by the clerical leadership in Tehran directed against the West. Bonn has maintained a studiously neutral stance in the Gulf war.

EEC ministers fail to find extra cash

From Ian Murray, Brussels

EEC Foreign Ministers will have to return on Monday to a subject they hoped to have been rid of for some time to come – the European budget. Britain will once more be in the dock, when the ministers meet in Brussels, for refusing to allow the Community the extra money it is claimed must be found if all this year's bills are to be met.

After nearly 24 hours of argument n Brussels, the budget ministers failed early yesterday to come to any conclusion about how to find the extra money.

The failure was largely because Mr Ian Stewart, the British Minister, insisted that there was no legal basis for raising any of the extra £1,240m which the commission said it needed. He said that only national parliaments had the right to agree such an increase in spending and refused to be moved by the "special case" pleas of poverty for this year.

Mr Jim O'Keefe, the Irish Minister chairing the meeting, suggested that there would at least be a shortfall this year of pounds £810m. But there was no general support for this compromise. Denmark wanted more, Holland and West Germany thought the amount should be less. France wanted savings but could not say how much, pending the views of its new Government. Britain insisted there was no need to find anything extra and was greatly helped in holding a firm line by the indecision of the others.

The argument over extra money for this year spilled over into discussions on next year's budget. Traditionally the Budget Council draws up a draft budget for the following year at this time. But the situation has been complicated because the Commission wants the member states to spend more in 1985 than can be legally raised.

The Fontainebleau summit agreed to ask national parliaments to raise the level of Community income from the start of 1986. The commission argues, therefore that there should be enough political goodwell available for member tates to pay some of this extra money in advance to cover overspending this year and next.

Given Britain's categoric refusal to pay more than it has to, the Council could do no more than discuss a conditional draft budget for next year inside the legal limit. This, in effect, meant lopping a total of about £1,150m off the ommission's proposed budget. There was a consnsus at the council that two thirds of this should be taken away from the £10,800 which is meant to be paid for agriculture next year.

If there is no agreement for Extra money this year, traders and national governments will have to pay the bills and then reclaim the cash from the Community next year. Farmers are not likely to suffer immediately.

But the mere fact of pushing the bills over into next year will mean that the 1985 budget will have to be reduced even more to make ends meet. Farmers can expect no increases for the second year running. Surplus stocks will continue to build up expensively because no money will be available to unload them.

The promised British rebate of £600m for this year would be at risk. This is meant to take the form of reduced contributions to the EEC budget next year.

Airlines bring Germanies closer together

By John Lawless

East and West Germany appear to be on the point of establishing scheduled air services, the first between the two countries since partition at the end of the Second World War.

This follows an agreement between Interflug, the national carrier of East Germany, and Lufthansa, the West German airline, to accept each other's tickets on their domestic and international flights.

The airlines have also agreed to start special services to and from trade fairs. The agreements, which Lufthansa said yesterday are retroactively effective from July 1, will see Lufthansa operating daily flights from August 30 to September 11 from Frankfurt to Leipzig for the trade fair there. Interflug will provide flights to the Düsseldorf, Hamburg and Stuttgart exhibitions.

So far, the only West German flights into East Germany have been occasional charter operations by the Lufthansa subsidiary, Condor. The agreements come after an exchange of visits between Herr Heinz Ruhnau, Lufthansa's chairman, and the East German Transport Minister, Herr Otto Arndt.

Behind-the-scenes negotiations have been remarkably swift, lasting only a few weeks, and the process will be continued next month, then Interflug's chief executive officer, Dr Klaus Henkes, will visti Lufthansa.

West's troops proposal left on the table

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The discussions between East and West on reductions in armed forces in Central Europe, now in their eleventh year, have adjourned for the summer without any substantive decisions.

For the past two months the talks in Vienna have largely concentrated on exploring new proposals put forward by the West in April.

Since 1976 there has been agreement in principle that both sides should reduce their forces to 900,000, not more than 700,000 being ground forces. There has been no agreement however, on the number actually in place at present; the discrepancy between the two sides' estimates is about 170,000.

To get round the problem the West changed its position, proposing that notification should be required only of combat and combat support forces. This deliberately excluded service support forces, which were thought to account for a large part of the discrepancy.

The West's package also provided for a reduction from seven years to five years in the time allowed for the cuts to be accomplished. The West, however, continued to insist on adequate measures for verifying compliance with an agreement.

The Warsaw Pact countries have not yet made a definitive response to these proposals. They are expected to continue to explore them when the talks resume on September 27.

Celebration and grief in Cyprus

From Zoriana Pysariwsky
Nicosia

The conflicting passions and interests that are Cyprus were illuminated to the full yesterday, as both Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots marked the tenth anniversary of the Turkish invasion in differing forms, and one side's victory celebration became for the other side a travesty.

In the northern sector of the divided island, Turkish Cypriots commemorated the "peace operation" of 1974 with a military parade attended by Mr Nuretin Ersin, the Turkish general who commanded the first landing of troops in Cyprus four days after the military Junta in Greece staged an unsuccessful coup attempt against the late Cypriot president, Archbishop Makarios.

Claiming that Greece had violated the treaty of guarantee, Turkey launched an operation ostensibly to protect the Turkish Cypriot minority on the island.

Across the "green line", Greek Cypriots gathered outside the Venetian walls that surround Nicosia's old city for demonstrations to mourn an event that effectivly partitioned the island. Banners and posters in Nicosia bemoaned the plight of more than 1,600 missing persons and 200,000 Greek Cypriot refugees.

The contradictory emotions and interpretations of recent Cypriot history made clear why compromise has been a difficult idea to embrace.

Nevertheless, 10 years of limbo have left a longing for certainty, and the next attempt to achieve this will be made next month when Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Secretary-General of the United Nations will meet high level representatives of both communities



SPORTING DIARY

Jack in the dock

Edinburgh City Council planned to make a solemn presentation to Jack Nicklaus at the Open this week but instead gave him a little telling off. Edinburgh has more golf courses than any other city in the world and produced a book about them called *Capital Golf* for which Nicklaus wrote the foreword. As a thank you he was to be presented with a leather-bound copy.

But since the book's conception, control of the council as changed from Tory to Labour, which discovered that Nicklaus, having played golf in South Africa, was on the United Nations black list. The council scrapped the presentation, and sent Nicklaus his copy on the quiet along with a letter expressing abhorrence of apartheid.

Green fees

Golfers with exotic tastes had the chance to indulge their fanciest whims at an auction of golfing items in Edinburgh this week before the Open. Phillips auctioneers sold one club for £850; it was a baffy spoon in applewood made by Willie Dunn in the last century. A rut iron, a club with a tiny head designed for playing out of cart-tracks, fetched £220.

● **Passengers flying queasily on internal flights in Colombia last week were surprised to be served champagne instead of coffee. The reason was that Luis Herrera of Colombia had become the first South American to win a stage in the Tour de France.**

Over the border

Scottish chaps are more serious about golf than cricket, but last week the Scotland cricket side fought out a sporting draw on their annual pilgrimage to Lord's to take on an MCC side. And with Test match status, Scotland could give the current England a decent game. Scottish county players include Hardie (Essex), Moir (Derbyshire), Morton (Warwickshire), Such (Nottingham) and Pauline (Surrey). Other players with varying amounts of Scottish blood, who could get drafted into a Scottish Test side, include Greig (Sussex), Lamb (Northamptonshire) and Knight and Stewart of Surrey. Knight, in fact, wore a kilt at Dulwich College until he was 14.

BARRY FANTONI



'Damn. I thought I'd won Portfolio'

Owning up

It comes as a shock to hear a prominent South African politician declare that his government's behaviour in the d'Oliveira affair was "a mistake". But 16 years after this pivotal incident in the history of sport, Dr Piet Koornhof, minister of sport between 1972 and 1978, has said in a filmed interview with Joe Pamensky, president of the South African Cricket Union, that his country as indeed mistaken, in barring d'Oliviera, a South African-born coloured, from the England team about to tour South Africa. The tour was called off as a consequence. Koornhof added that he was glad to see "cricket paving the way in getting us back, and rectifying our mistakes". There is a lot of rectifying to be done.

● **John Ryan, manager of Cambridge United, would like it to be known that, if he is by chance delayed at the golf club and is thus late for answering journalists' questions at a pre-season photo-call, his answers are as follows: (1) Over the moon; (2) As sick as a parrot and (3) No, she is just a good friend.**

Wide call

This week's Truemansim, by Richie Benaud, no less. "I wonder if Malcolm Marshall is having some sort of reaction from Saturday – he is bowling off a short run at only medium pace." Marshall had Cook caught at slip the next ball, and within half an hour, had taken the rest of the England wickets. A fiver for Jeremy Clarke-Williams. More fivers offered for more examples.

Wing and prayer

Every team in the American National Football League has its own chaplain. In England, a mere 13 of the 92 Football League clubs have one. The Rev Andrew Wingfield Digby, a man who once bowled out Eddie Barlow first ball when playing for Oxford University, plans to get more chaplains for football teams. He has just been appointed a director of an organization called Christians in Sport. It comes as a surprise to find that Leeds United, not top of everyone's personal saintliness league, has had a chaplain for many years. The Rev John Jackson describes his duties as "being there when they want me" and giving talks on "drink, sex, gambling, that sort of thing".

Simon Barnes

In the bicentennial year of Dr Samuel Johnson, our most eminent Lexicographer and Moralist, The Times has commissioned from his immortal shade an essay on the present age

Pray Boswell, start taping

Sir, nothing is more Hopeless than a scheme of Merriment. Yet you have Solicited my cursory Observations on the present Age for your Gazette, to divert your Readers, to supply your Advertisers, and to subdue your Proprietor. You have bid the Rambler moralise a Theme once more, the Idler instruct a new Folly, and the Adventurer perpetrate again an ancient and Augustan Jest. Survey mankind from China to Peru, you urge; omit the Wars but include the Women; exhort Wisdom if it is in power, but castigate Imbecility only where it cannot Sue. Demonstrate the Vanity of Human Wishes in all things under the *Sun*, and in it.

Sir, as a Lexicographer I may be a harmless Drudge, but as a Hackney writer I am no malleated Pensioner. I have before me the Memorandum of those I may toss and gore: Princelings in their voluptuous Pride, and Statespersons in their Blue-rinsed Insolence; Demagogues in their delusive Mines and Poets in their laureate Strife; Architects in their geometrical Follies and Bishops in their sociological Atheism: Faddists in their macro-biotic Infatuation and Feminists in their lymphated Cant; elderly Academicks in their Pipe dreams of universal Peace and youthful Punks in their cacophony of universal Oblivion. Here, you say, I may strike with Complaisance, and there I may wound with Impunity; with this Reputation I may point a Moral, and with that Name adorn a Tale.

Yet such is the Condition of Humanity that we easily see, or quickly feel, the Wrong; but cannot always distinguish the Right. We may apply the lash, but misplace the laurel. The *Saeva Indignatio* of Swift, the Corinthian cynicism of Diogenes, or the papilionaceous Detractions of *Private Eye*, lead only to the pinnacles of Malice or the gulphs of inspissated Gloom. For, Sir, the true end of writing is only this: to enable the Reader better to Enjoy life, or better to Endure it.

When I gaze from my monumental Soapbox along the Thoroughfare of Shame, from Temple Bar to the Fleet Ditch, I know not whether more is to be dreaded from Streets filled with Football Fans accustomed to Plunder, or from garrets filled with Scribblers accustomed to lie. While Bolt Court has expanded to a Building Site, El Vino's has contracted to a Hencoop, and the true claret of Conversation is dissolved in the perrier of modish Chatter. Alas, how is the Mitre fallen!

You counsel me, Sir, to perambulate at Ease over every Topick, yet curb my Syntax to the vulgar Understanding, count my Words to the Computer's Dictat, and deliver in my Deadline to the Printer's pleasure. But he that condemns himself to compose on a stated Day, will often bring to his Task, an attention dissipated, a Memory overwhelmed, an Imagination embarrassed, a Mind distracted with Anxieties, and a Body languishing with Disease: he will some times Labour on a barren Topick, till it is too late to change it; and sometimes, in the ardour of Invention, diffuse his Thoughts into wild Exuberance, which the pressing Hour of Publication will not suffer Judgment to examine or reduce. Meanwhile the Telephone will harass him, the Television allure him, the neighbour's Teenager incite him with her labile anfractuosities. His Typewriter shall fall silent with peremptory barkings in the creative vacuities of the urban Night. It is *Fami non famae scribere*, indeed.



You importune me still, Sir, to expatiate on the Happy Valley of the Welfare State, the nobility of the Ministry, and the nonentity of Opposition. Yet –

How small of all that human hearts endure
That part which Kings or Laws can cause or cure

Patriotism is the last refuge – but my friend Mr Boswell has expounded the Conclusion. I have held it a Maxim that a decent provision for the Poor is the true test of Civilization. Liberty is, to the lowest rank of every Nation, little more than the Choice of working or starving; and where the Young stand idle, and the Labourer receives neither Hope nor Hire, what Praise can Statesmanship expect, or Stewardship demand? Where is the genius who shall arouse the Nation, or the Burke who shall unite it?

The Proceedings of the present Government, remarkable alike for their Economy and their Cruelty, may strangely recall the Arguments of Soame Jenyns in his *Free Enquiry into the Nature and Origins of Evil*. He was of the Opinion that there is some inconceivable Benefit in Pain abstractedly considered; that Pain however inflicted or wherever felt, communicates some Good to the General System of being, and that every Citizen is some way or other the Better for the Pain of every other Citizen. *They grow lean upon it*, and wax Competitive like Rats in an Empty Barn. Though Industry may applaud, Humanity must wring its Hands. Let every Member who can withstand the Whips of Faction and the Scorn of debt, see Britannia abroad, become Ceres at home.

The divaricated Rhetoric of Opposition I have succinctly defined in my *Dictionary*, though neither under Whig nor Devil. You may apply, Sir, to *Net*: something reticulated or decussated at Equal distances, with interstices between Intersections. Everything of Substantial good slips through it, and they lie tangled in their own Designs. They suffer from the dangerous prevalence of the Imagination.

But the truly Democratick Leaders of the people in this Age are those who Command without Consultation, form a Mob without a Mandate, and break a Union without a Ballot. It is the Apotheosis of Insubordination, by which Law is insulted, and Loyalty betrayed. When I dined once with Jack Wilkes, that democrat in lace, I philosophically observed: "Sure, Sir, you don't think a Resolution of the House of Commons equal to the Law of the Land?" "God forbid, Sir," he complaisantly replied. Yet they who complain, in peace, of the insolence of the Populace, must remember, that their insolence in peace is Bravery in War. Let them not bring the Falklands to the Midlands!

You have bade me further, Sir, speak of Books; and in truth the chief Glory of every People arises from its Authors. Yet no place affords a more striking Conviction of the Vanity of Human Hopes than a Public Library. When forty-thousand Volumes are flung from the Presses each Year, what are nine-tenths of these but illiterate Stratagems by which Pride endeavours to recommend Folly to Regard? But the common Adage holds, for the Pen is mightier than the Sword, and though we lose an Empire from our Arms, we embrace again a World with Words.

The Comic Writers of the present time, as befits an Age of Brass, dance forth like the Imps of our Destiny. But they are Possessed, haunted by domestic Melancholy, or bloated by academick foggage. The Critic makes Dullness a general Virtue, and Structuralism a solitary Vice. He that voluntarily spreads Ignorance is guilty of all the Crimes that Ignorance produces; as to him, that should extinguish the Tapers of a Lighthouse, might justly be imputed the Calamities of Shipwrecks. Our Universities are strewn with their Flotsam, and our Labour Exchanges with their Jetsam. The Literary Journals, it is true, still show their Ironic points of Luminescence and Addison's Wit still shines; but for the most it is burning a Farthing Candle at Dover, to show a Light at Calais. Our modish Fictions are Nasty, Brutish, and Short. The Moral Understanding of the Human heart, that is the Soul of Criticism, and the principle of Immortality, lives chiefly in the Biographical part of our Literature, which is what I love most.

No other Portent has so commanded the Eyes of Attention, the Features of the Guardian, or the Pockets of the Bookseller, as the Female Author. She is the Oracle and the Accuser of the Age; its Cassandra and its Virago. I have said of a Woman's preaching that it is like a Dog's walking on its Hinder legs: it is not done well, but you are Surprised to find it done at all. But the Woman who will leave her Pulpit for her Pen, and her Sermons for her Study, will very often be found to have a Bottom of good Sense. She takes to her page like a Duck to water, and you are rather Surprised that she ever returns to the Dry shores of Domesticity. She has proved more Buoyant in this medium than any other Art, her Loquacity matched frequently by her Learning, and her Sincerity by her Style. The essence of her Genius is Autobiographical, and the best she writes in Poetry or Fictions has the candid ring of a Testament on Oath. Who among us has so well displayed the causes of Connubial Infelicity, or the consequence of social Oppression? Yet let her emulate if she can, my lovely friend Mrs Carter, who could make a pudding as well as translate Epictetus.

You will think, Sir, that I am too Gallant on such matters. But an assurance of Unfading Laurels and Immortal Reputation is the settled reciprocation of Civility between amicable Writers.

Indeed I find I have fallen into your Scheme of cumbrous Levity throughout, though I am too Tardy to retract, and too Dilatory to amend. Let the Pious reader alone reflect, that whatever the Benefits or the Barbarisms of the Present Age, they must be judged against the Past; for all Judgment is comparative, and of the Future much may be Hoped but nothing can be Known. The truths of the Human heart are perennial; they have a constant Anniversary, like Amaranthine flowers. It is these that we celebrate in our Authors, and for these that they hope to be Honoured: not as Monuments, but as Men. Therefore, toss away this Paper, turn to my Books, and have out your Talk.

Post Scriptum. Pray Sir, do not entirely disregard, however, the Scotch and erroneous Opinion of my friend Mr Boswell, that no Man but a Blockhead ever wrote except for Money.

An Arts Council exhibition on the life of Dr Johnson is being held at 105 Piccadilly.

Diana Geddes

Why Marchais could return

Paris

The past month has witnessed a period of political turbulence certain to leave an indelible mark on French history, though in what form is as yet unclear.

Eyes are firmly fixed on the 1986 parliamentary elections. The Socialists, now on their own and with only 21 per cent of electoral support, if the European elections are to be believed, will have to find some magical formula if they are to remain in power.

After the Communists left his government, it was thought that President Mitterrand might make a bid for the centre. His nomination of Laurent Fabius as prime minister seemed to confirm that theory.

But the new cabinet, with its predominance of familiar faces and the significant introduction of two left-wingers, Jean-Pierre Chevènement and Pierre Joxe, has again confounded the commentators.

The month of drama began with the June 17 European elections, when the Communist vote fell to its lowest level in 50 years. At the same time, the extreme right staged a spectacular breakthrough, the National Front obtaining 11 per cent of the vote, the same as the Communists.

A week later, in the country's biggest demonstration since the war, more than a million people marched through Paris in protest at the alleged government threat to private, predominantly Catholic, schools.

With the opposition getting the upper hand, Mitterrand had to make a spectacular gesture to capture the imagination of the electorate and put the government back on the offensive. It came on July 12, the day after he returned from an official visit to Jordan, when he announced on television that he was to call a referendum – not on private schools, which he would almost certainly have lost, but on his proposal to extend the use of referenda to cover questions of fundamental civil liberties. It was totally unexpected and seen as a brilliant political coup.

The opposition had long advocated an extension of the use of the referendum and looked as if it would be compelled to support the proposal, even though it would help restore the left's traditional image as the defender of civil liberties, which the right seemed to have stolen from under the Socialists' very noses.

But the opposition seized upon the implied extension of presidential powers in Mitterrand's proposal and began a "vote no" campaign. The Communists and even some Socialists expressed disquiet.

On Tuesday, less than a week after Mitterrand's referendum announcement, Alain Savary, the minister responsible for the disavowed private schools bill, decided to resign. Pierre Mauroy, the prime minister, who had supported Savary on the bill and who knew that his days were anyway numbered, seems to have felt, without rancour, that from everyone's point of view there should be a complete change of government.

Within hours of the announcement of M Savary's resignation, the country was amazed to hear that the 37-year-old Fabius had replaced Mauroy as prime minister.

Georges Marchais, the Communist leader, immediately flew back from a holiday in Romania for an emergency meeting of the politburo. Talks were held with Fabius, who offered the Communists four new posts in his government, but not the assurances they were seeking on a change of economic policy. After an all-night meeting, the party's central committee announced that the Communists had decided to leave the government.

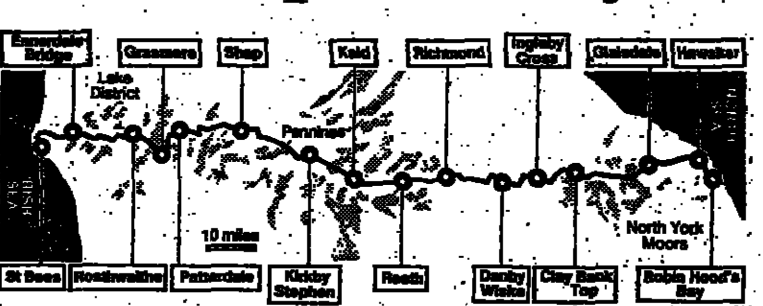
The divorce had seemed likely since the government introduced its policy of economic rigour in March 1983. But it still took a lot of agonized heart-searching before the final decision was taken. Many Communists remember how cold it can be outside. But the hypocrisy of the Communists' position of "participation without support" had become too blatant. Communist voters wanted something more honest.

Nevertheless the door has been left ajar for a possible eventual return. The Communists have said the would consider it if the conditions were right. In the meantime, they will support those measures which they approve – probably, in the present political climate, very few – and their departure will almost certainly mean increased trouble on the industrial front from the Communist-led CGT union group.

The government is in for a rough ride over the next two years. The economy is just beginning to show signs of recovery, but the industrial modernization programmes are starting to take their toll, in compulsory redundancies, and unemployment is rising fast. Mitterrand is unlikely to survive beyond 1986 without a reconsecration of the union of the left.

Alan Franks

Backtracking, the backpack way



If you have a spare fortnight and a stout pair of boots, head for St Bees on the Cumbrian coast and go east, in the steps of the redoubtable Alfred Wainwright, until you hit the North Sea. When at length you trundle down into the crowded clique of houses at Robin Hood's Bay, six miles south of Whitby, you will have strode 190 glorious miles along Britain's most scenic but least-sung footpath.

For this is the collarbone of England, traversing the long and frequently boring Pennine breastplate, and yoked across the island's right and left shoulders of the Lake District and North Yorkshire.

It has everything that a walker may ask of a walk, including that most prized commodity of relative obscurity. Yet I am unapologetic in writing about it for I know that Mr Wainwright, our most determined proselytizer of the far fell and its footways, will forgive me – as will his growing infantry of ensuers.

Almost all of the marathon paths which have been established in the footsteps of the Pennine Way have had the official sanction of the Countryside Commission – Offa's Dyke, South West Peninsula, Ridgeway, North Downs, South Downs and so on. Wainwright and his book, therefore, both as anti-dirigiste as it is possible for guides to be, carry the promise of improvisation and even, within the constraints of the by-laws, the prospect of some modest pioneering.

It was in 1972 that Wainwright finally got around to doing the walk. The result, as with all his other wanderings, was a book of painstaking exactitude and sudden drolleries. Now, at the age of 77, he has more than 40 titles to his credit, printed by the publishers of his local paper *The Westmorland Gazette*, from photos of his own handwritten manuscripts.

On each page are his famous line-drawings of the crags, vistas and man-made landmarks along the route, together with his own section-maps of the path, which all but take the walker by the hand, mile after mile, stile after stile. These are the individual stitches which slowly thread you across the North's broad and rumpled quilt.

As Adam Nicolson explains in his book, *Long Walks*, Wainwright's route is the best as it runs against England's grain: "It seems to realign the country, as if the island had been tipped on its side, like Crete or Java ... the whole thing is seen as if from space, as a journey across a mental map."

Moreover, the path traverses three national parks – the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors – and only once succumbs seriously to the tarmac, over the broad and boring cereal tray of Mowbray between the Pennines and the Cleveland Hills. "Left right, left right," scribbles Wainwright, as if to pre-empt your impatience.

Along the route I met many walkers who, with the little volume in hand, agreed it was the next best thing they could imagine to travelling with Wainwright in person. Not just because he writes: "100 miles, yippee!" when you pass the Old Gang Mines to the west of Reeth, but because he keeps you – literally and tersely – in the picture, as the landscape advances and retires with that peculiarly English suddenness.

He might be explaining the natural features, or all the various evidence of man's activity now laid low – the splatter of mining spoil above Surrender Bridge, the grassy loops of defunct railway around Rosedale, or the flooded village of Mardale. The walkers knew they would have to content themselves with the Wainwright-substitute, for the man himself is famously private, often happier in the company of his fells than of his fellows.

Here – from the southern fastness of an office block 250 miles away – I confess to a piece of hubris the height of Helvellyn. You did the walk the wrong way, Mr Wainwright – sir. You should have gone west.

I know that *your* route means we get the weather at our backs and not on our faces; I know that Cumbria's peaks are hard-won by weary legs and thus better for starters. The trouble is that the Lakes are untrumpable; in the scenic sense the eastward passage is downhill all the way. The unpeopled sweep of North-east Yorkshire's heather moors is a fine enough proposition, but for a walker who just a week previously was all but airborne on Striding Edge, gliding down to Patterdale, there is an element of anti-climax.

To invert the Wainwright route, of course, I had at times to do likewise with his book so that his maps would point the right way. I also had to read the sentences in reverse order. I must have looked an absurd sight, particularly in the small intricacies of Mowbray's byways, squinting at an upside-down hardback at every crossroad. But I am unrepentant; whether you are with or against Wainwright, the verb which should be dedicated to him (coast-to-coast) offers a grand prospect, whatever way you read him.

Bernard Levin goes Rococo

Cherubbing shoulders in the curly queue

What is Rococo? Why, the successor to Baroque, of course. And Baroque? Tut; that which precedes Rococo.

Let us delve even more deeply; what says the *OED*? Of Baroque, in the sense we seek, *nothing*. Send for the good Doctor Burchfield, A to G; "a florid style of architectural decoration which arose in Italy in the late Renaissance and became prevalent in Europe during the 18th century; this term and rococo are not infrequently used without distinction for styles of ornament characterized by profusion, oddity of combinations, or abnormal features generally".

That, you will allow, does not get us much further, and matters are not greatly improved by the *OED's* Rococo, "Having the characteristics of Louis Quinz workmanship, such as conventional shell and scroll-work and meaningless decoration", particularly when the new *Everyman* insists that "It succeeded the weighty splendour of the Louis XIV style with more delicate ornamental forms", and when the same work says of Baroque that it "included Rococo". As for the great and indispensable William Rose Benét, he is getting on quite nicely, under Baroque, with "the result of excessive technical development in a particular form or style" and suchlike, when he has to go and spoil it all by saying "often used as a synonym of Rococo", which he then bids us see, no doubt laughing fit to burst when we turn to the appropriate page and find he has forgotten to include it at all.

With all that, I think we may now attempt to summarize the fruits of our researches in a definition of our own: "Rococo and Baroque: Terms which absolutely nobody knows the meaning *of*, let alone the difference *between*".

If you want to know even more than that, you must go to the Victoria & Albert Museum (R. Strong, Prop.) where you may behave like the man who said he couldn't define a hippopotamus but would sure as hell know one when he saw it. For the giant and splendid exhibition assembled there under the title Rococo (with, just to make confusion complete, the sub-title "Art and Design in Hogarth's England") begins with a section labelled "What is Rococo?" True, the question is nowhere answered, but if you will look at the frontispiece of the lavish catalogue you will sure as hell know the hippopotamus when you see it. It is a print of a design for – well, for what? A dedication, a mirror, a title page, a frame, an ornament, a frontispiece to an exhibition of the Rococo at the V & A. The design is assymetrical, it is bursting out all over with swashes and curlicues, flowers and leaves, it has as supporters a pair of sylvan lovers, in the bottom right-hand corner there is a dog. It is full of energy doomed to sputter out but immensely exhilarating while it lasts; it makes clear why "Rococo" was originally a term of ridicule; executed in silver, and not too large, it would go nicely on the mantelpiece but would need a devil of a lot of dusting.



'The Invitation to Mira', a mid-eighteenth century song sheet on show at the V & A exhibition

If you are still lost, look at item N26, illustrated on page 210. It is a design for a printed textile; the design is called simply "Birds", but it is no use trying to count the number of birds in it, because you will get a different answer each time. Meanwhile, however, the print positively quivers as you look at it, its exuberance so bold and confident that it triumphs at once over its own absurdity and becomes positively touching; there is no indication in the catalogue note of what use the textile might have been put to, but if it was a dress, the wearer would have to be quite extraordinarily fat.

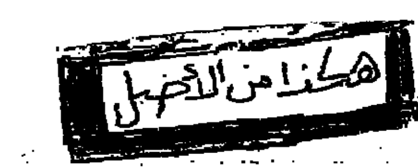
What is surprising, at any rate to my eye, is the vast range of subjects infected by this style, for wider, I think, than could be said of the Baroque (see "Rococo"). The catalogue has separate sections (though of course they are not thus separated in the exhibition) for Prints, Silver, Gold, Objets de Vertu, Arms and Armour, Base Metal, Furniture, Architecture, Textiles and Dress, Porcelain, Earthenware, Enamels and Glass, Chinoiserie and Sculpture, and in every department the hippopotamus is on show, its lavishness of decoration never, or never *quite*, wearying the eye and the mind, saved by the firmness of the shape and design beneath the foliage.

The Hogarthian reference in the exhibition's sub-title is no tease; though I do not believe many people taking an association test would say "Hogarth" when prompted with "Rococo" (or vice versa) it was he who most encouraged the style to find roots in England and to spread, and he has an entire section devoted to him, including his bust, and for that matter his dog, by Roubiliac. (There are heaps of Roubiliacs here, including Pope, Swift, the abominable Bentley, and Handel; I don't think Roubiliac a patch on Houdon, but some of these busts, particularly the Hogarth, are full of life).

Under the rubric "France in England", there is a curiosity well worth spending a few minutes on; item C23 is "The badge of the Antigallican Society", of which body I confess I had never heard until now, though its nature can be deduced from the principal motif of the enamel badge, which is St George on horseback sticking a spear into the French flag. The catalogue note says the society was founded (in 1745 or thereabouts) "to oppose the insidious Arts of the French Nation", a most robustly Hogarthian aim; no doubt the Prime Minister, should her eye fall on these words, will cause discreet enquiries to be made as to whether the society is still in existence, and if so what the annual subscription is.

Music plays gently over the scale model of Vauxhall Gardens; difficult enough as it is to distinguish confidently Baroque from Rococo in physical objects, it is a lot harder to tell the two apart in music. The great Percy Scholes (whose *Oxford Companion* – companion indeed of my youth – has only just been supplanted by the new version in two huge, comprehensive and handsome volumes edited by Denis Arnold) would have no truck with such fancy foreign gibberish; he says crisply of Rococo that "In ordinary English usage this means 'tastelessly florid', or something of that kind", and under Baroque tells us even more crisply that "Burney ... gives its equivalents as 'coarse and uncouth'," though he does have the grace to add "This sense is now discarded". But styles so pervasive as these cannot possibly have failed to penetrate music as well, and certainly music chosen for this exhibition (I can find no reference to it in the catalogue) seems to fit well.

Nobody would call the V & A either Baroque or Rococo (though I cannot for the life of me imagine what it *should* be called); on the other hand, the only difficulty with its Director is deciding whether he is Late Baroque or Early Rococo (some say he is Gothic Revival, but I do not find the arguments for this theory convincing). He has been making gloomy noises for some time about this being the last really comprehensive exhibition the V & A will be able to afford, but I don't believe it, and don't even believe I am supposed to. But, if it *is*, it will make a magnificent finale, on which he and all his staff and contributors are to be heartily congratulated; the exhibition, which continues until the end of September, is full of life, wit, beauty and exuberance. I cannot imagine a couple of hours better spent than at it.





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ULTIMATE VALUES

Rational debate on the issues so rationally debated by the Warnock report eventually comes to a full stop. The members of the committee itself, who were rightly selected from among those who retained relatively open minds on the subject, found in the end that it was so for them, and some found that they had no alternative but to write notes of dissent. This is no evidence of failure on the committee's part, and perhaps the remarkable thing is that the area of dissent was as small as it is. As the report wisely warns, "matters of ultimate value are not susceptible of proof" and the ethical questions raised by the subject touch areas where each individual has his own irreducible and deeply-held feelings about the duty we owe one another.

For this reason the Government is right not to be falling over itself in haste to legislate in general on Warnock's recommendations. Perhaps unprecedentedly, the report itself warns against too early implementation. Public opinion is still feeling its way towards a consensus, and it needs to go further before an attempt should be made to fix it in statute. One of the most important functions of the report, which is clear and easy to read, should be to create a fuller knowledge of the possibilities and dispel some anxieties based on fantasy. But society will never agree completely, any more than the committee could, and the law as it stands simply fails to envisage many of the situations that science has now made possible. Legislation will be needed before too long, and the recommendations of the majority Warnock report are likely to represent the best summary of what will prove acceptable.

The deepest question which divided the committee was over experiments on embryos. Given that it is now possible to fertilise, store and implant embryos, some of which will be surplus to the primary purpose (acceptable to most, but not all) of enabling infertile couples to have children genetically their own, is it acceptable to use the surplus embryos in experiments which can be of great benefit to medicine? One minority on the committee broke away at this point, effectively rejecting much of the preliminary work these techniques are based on.

If that is acceptable, then is it right to bring embryos into being specifically for research? Another minority broke away here. Somewhere further down the line, most of the rest of us will feel that it is wrong to exploit the unborn human individual, however great a good may follow. There is no logic to settle these disagreements definitively. Even the moment of fertilization, the strongest contender as the starting-point for the individual, produces an entity which may still develop into one individual or several. Balancing the general good against the reverence due to the potential for human growth, the majority favoured a fourteen-day limit, based on the first signs of structural development. This appears satisfactory: the limit should certainly come before appearance of a rudimentary nervous system at about six weeks after fertilization.

The committee's most important recommendation is for a permanent body to monitor and licence procedures and to advise the Government on developments. In a field of rapid change, this would reassure the public that no sanctioned Frankensteins are brewing horrors in their laboratories, and it would respond to changes in public opinion in a way that statute could not. It should be given the widest discretion to advise on changes in the law, and its membership should be such as to ensure that it cannot fall into the hands either of insatiable researchers or of opponents prepared to paralyse the system because it offends their own principles.

Public opinion does change, faster than it is sometimes given credit for. Custom can sometimes easily make it used to what seemed unacceptable only a few years before. It is difficult to say in retrospect whether the sharp changes in received opinion about AID and abortion over the years showed that the pundits were out of touch with underlying feelings, or that familiarity can make some people used to almost anything: probably a bit of both. But in the light of our current ethical perceptions it is right to seek to inhibit trends that may shift opinion in directions which seem undesirable. One case of that kind provides the only instance where quick legislation on Warnock proposal might be worthwhile.

There is a real risk that surrogate motherhood arranged through organised agencies may be on the edge of rapid growth in Britain. Sympathy for the plight of childless couples might make the development seem tolerable. The practice is in some forms something that people can and will do whether it is legal or not, and it would be wrong to punish or obstruct medical care to those directly involved. But as an organised transaction it should be discouraged, because of the insecurity of the child's position, because the hiring of sexual services of any kind is repugnant, and because the practice is likely to grow if people have a financial interest in promoting it. Even on an ostensibly non-profit basis, the sanction of respectability would be an encouragement. Certainly surrogacy contracts should be made unenforceable and all disputes settled in relation to the interests of the child. There will be some hard cases if many doctors with opinions like those of Mr Robert Winston in the case reported this week proved ready to defy a new criminal law. But as public opinion stands at present, there is a strong case for legislation to rule out such aid, dangerous in its consequences however kind its motives.

THE DEMOCRATS' DECISION

he past week in San Francisco us been a triumph for Mr ondale, a festival for his party d – in some measure – a relief well as light relief for the allies the United States. The first characterizations are self-lent. Mr Mondale will make rong contender whatever the fits say about his chances of lanting an incumbent presi- the addition of Mrs Ferraro makes the ticket still. At their conven- the Democrats displayed again the amazing syn- of American party politics, that instinctive reaching out to embrace the most disparate elements under a single broad banner.

For the interest of the Western Alliance, we have to look beneath the convention's rhetoric to the steady rejection, thanks to the Mondale machine, of all but the vaguest commitments on foreign policy. Mr Mondale enters the lists unencumbered by any dangerous promises on the use of nuclear weapons or the deployment of armed forces overseas; the worryingly isolationist voice of Mr Hart has been temporarily silenced. Except on the issue of defence expenditure itself, Mr Mondale is separated from the President much more by style than substance. He certainly would not come to high office in November with the reflexes of Mr Carter; perhaps that link with Hubert Humphrey and the Johnson years which makes Mr Mondale such a vulnerable figure on issues of domestic spending counts in his favour in appraising his likely instincts in pursuing the interests of the West overseas.

Yet how likely is Mr Mondale to win? The spectral appearance in San Francisco of Mr Carter was a reminder less of the former president's failures in office (with which Mr Mondale must be tainted) than of the Democrats' lack of a southern strategy beyond the mobilization of the Black vote. The Democratic Cassandras point knowingly to Mr Mondale's startling weakness in such pivotal states as Texas; defeat there would crystallize the shift of economic power and population to the Sunbelt and would have important consequences for the shape of the Democratic coalition to be put together in 1988.

Votes in the electoral college will reflect not only geography but also the Democrats' continuing association with what the Americans graphically call Big Government. The tide of popular sentiment which swept the United States (and washed these shores too) in the later 1970s against the expense and intrusiveness of government has by no means completed its course. The very lack of dramatic change during the Reagan years reinforces the misgivings many Americans still feel about the scale of federal government.

Where does Mr Mondale stand? The elements of the classic Democratic coalition he now leads – the blacks, the poor, the big cities, the trade unions – demand federal programmes and government intervention of one kind or another. Mr Mondale would come to Washington in the autumn pledged to Big Government, and to the taxation to pay for it.

It is a mark of President Reagan's political skill that he can both be a part of the establishment and yet retain a distance from it; he will undoubtedly run in the autumn against Big Government while conveniently ignoring the inconsistent record of his own administration on federal spending and bureaucratic regulation. He will seek to unify Americans against Washington. The essence of the New Deal, the tenets of which Mr Mondale still holds dear, was that central government would bind Americans together. Yet the promises Mr Mondale made to get to San Francisco and the domestic commitments he has made there leave him with neither of these positions. His pledges on spending (with accompanying taxes), on affirmative action (discrimination at government behest) and protective tariffs suggest the Democrats enter the election intent on using government in such a way that it is bound to divide Americans.

Gibraltar heritage

From the Minister for Economic Development and Trade in Gibraltar

Sir, We are grateful to Brigadier Hamilton-Baillie (July 11) for drawing attention to the problems which face the Gibraltar Government in our attempts to reconcile our very genuine wish to preserve as many of the fortifications of Gibraltar which, as he says, are of world stature, with the responsibility which we must fulfil to reorientate and develop Gibraltar's economy in the wake of the closure of the naval dockyard and of the severe economic imbalance which the partial and discriminatory opening of the frontier by the Spanish authorities have brought upon us. (Even British tourists and residents in Spain may not enter the British territory of Gibraltar).

The brigadier is perfectly correct in saying that tourism is important to us and that the old town and its defences are a major attraction (although we have others). On the first point, the Gibraltar Government have recently taken firm and determined decisions to develop the tourist industry; on the second point, one of the steps we have taken is to appoint a mixed official/private sector History and Heritage Committee to advise the Government on the way in which our heritage (including our natural heritage) can be preserved, both for its own sake and for the attraction which it represents to many people in Britain and elsewhere.

The Gibraltar Conservation Society, as well as the Gibraltar Natural History and Ornithological Society, are represented, among others, on this committee. It is the intention of our Department of Tourism to apply for membership of the Fortress Study Group.

Your readers may be interested to know that plans are being prepared for a two-part Gibraltar Heritage Conference to be held, here and in London, probably in February (anyone interested, should contact Mr S. Alper, Chilford Hall, Linton, Cambridge a non-resident member of our History and Heritage Committee).

We share the brigadier's wish that "a better solution to the difficult car parking problem in Gibraltar may be found". But how and where – in 2¼ crowded square miles of a territory struggling to achieve economic self-sufficiently against great odds and external pressures? ...

The dilemma therefore remains: how to reconcile the profound appeal of our heritage with the economic necessities forced upon us by decisions taken in London (on the naval dockyard) and in Madrid (on the partial opening of the frontier). We will do our best to resolve it, with the help of our heritage committee and the heritage conference.

Yours faithfily,
A. J. CANEPA,
Minister for Economic Development and Trade,
Government Secretariat,
Gibraltar.
July 13.

Child benefit proposal

From Mr John Wilson

Sir, In the generous coverage give to the new report by the Institute for Fiscal Studies on the *Reform of Social Security* (report and leading article, July 12) one important point has escaped comment.

The report's proposals would entail the replacement of child benefit, which goes normally to the mother, by a child benefit credit which would be paid through the pay-packet where it was paid at all. The effect is therefore a major redistribution of income from women to men.

But perhaps this will not be seen as a drawback by those who believe in the "ethic of labour and masculine responsibility" (leading article, July 3).

Yours faithfully,
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July 16.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New bishops and canon law

From the Reverend J. D. Brown

Sir, Mr Enoch Powell may extol royal supremacy in the Church of England (report, July 18), but it is difficult to see how the Appointment of Bishops Measure would have seriously affected that already much-depleted supremacy.

It would, however, abolish the absurd anachronism of a dean and chapter being required both to elect a bishop and choose only the Crown's nomination or face the threat of dire punishment felt necessary in more primitive medieval times.

The need to reform the system of episcopal appointments merits more constructive consideration to ensure that future bishops will be guaranteed to obey the requirement laid down by canon law "to uphold sound and wholesome doctrine and to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange opinions".

Confidence in the Crown Appointments Commission has been eroded by the controversial appointment of the new Bishop of Durham, yet the authority of the Crown may *still* be seen as crucial in keeping the national Church true to its vocation of safeguarding and proclaiming the fundamental truths of the Christian faith to all our people.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. BROWN
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Chichester,
West Sussex.
July 19.

From the Bishop of Peterborough

Sir, I am glad that the House of Commons has refused to approve the Appointment of Bishops Measure, and for the reasons which you report (July 18) that Mr Enoch Powell gave – I hope the General Synod will think again, or rather think. So far its persistent determination to demolish, little by remorseless little, the traditions, dignity and duties of the Church of England illuminates Dr Johnson's aphorism that that which is not formed by reason cannot be destroyed by reason.

I left the General Synod at York last week with a sense of relief and thankfulness that never in my life shall I have to attend a synod again: and this was some comfort to my sadness concerning my imminent retirement.

The Synod suffers from that conceit which corrupts conscience. Some of its members imagine that the Synod owns the dioceses and parishes of England; that it can meddle with and mutilate the claims that the Church of England has always made that it holds the essentials of Catholic faith, tradition and order; that it can contain within its own strangulated sentiments the whole counsel of God.

It feeds itself, like a parasite, upon the parishes, who, willy-nilly, pay for it: and it has produced a new sort of ecclesiastical politician, whose only salvation is that it should swiftly be made both sadder and wiser.

Yours faithfully,
†DOUGLAS PETRIBURG:,
The Palace,
Peterborough.
July 18.

Penetrating security

From Mr W. Stephenson

Sir, I write as the stepson of Alister Watson, who has been publicly accused of being a Soviet spy in Monday's Granada *World in Action* television programme by an MI5 agent, Mr Peter Wright.

I wish to protest most strongly at the public pillorying of my stepfather who, having recently died, is in no position to refute these untrue and unjust accusations.

Anybody who knew my stepfather, as I did for over 30 years, will understand how ridiculous these allegations are. There is the *real* world and the *fantasy* world of certain disaffected members of MI5.

A lot has been said recently about the need for security and confidentiality in Government and, for example, at GCHQ. Yet over the last 10 years we have been treated to an unprecedented number of leaks to the press about the affairs of MI5, which ought surely to be the most secure of Government agencies.

What action has been taken over the people responsible for these breaches of confidentiality and of secrecy? And will Mrs Thatcher, as the minister with direct responsibility for the secret service, see that justice is done to people who, being dead, are unable to defend themselves or have recourse to the laws of libel?

Yours sincerely,
W. STEPHENSON,
157 Lynton Road,
Harrow,
Middlesex.
July 16.

Fire at York Minster

From Mr Anthony Massey

Sir, Miss Manley and Miss Eyton are surely wrong to suggest (July 17) that the Government should not help finance the restoration of York Minster.

I visited the minster today. Inside, the strong smell of woodsmoke still hangs in the air. The huge calm which the building still possesses is disturbed by the sound of hammering, as work on the south transept gathers momentum.

Giving money to help has nothing to do with salving consciences: To assist in the restoration of this graceful and inspiring building, which has borne witness to Christian love and faith for centuries, is a very proper course for governments – and individuals.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY MASSEY,
20 Orchard Rise,
Groombridge,
Tunbridge Wells,
Kent.
July 18.

Bail conditions for striking miners

From Mr Michael D. Varcoe-Cocks

Sir, In a letter (July 19) which is clearly in support of striking miners rather than in condemnation of an alleged general practice by the Nottinghamshire magistrates Lord Gifford, QC, and others subtly paraphrase the provisions of the Bail Act and make no reference to other provisions which protect those they support and/or represent.

The Bail Act provides that the court may require an accused to comply with such requirements as appear to the court to be necessary to *secure* that he surrenders to custody, does not commit an offence on bail, does not interfere with witnesses etc. This is not the same as Lord Gifford's statement that the imposition of conditions is appropriate only if it is *believed* that the person would fail to surrender to custody etc.

Lord Gifford makes no reference to the possibility of applying to the magistrates for the conditions of bail to be varied or of appealing against the magistrates' decisions.

We may hope that even Lord Gifford would admit that offences have been committed at the mass pickets at which miners have been arrested. The "usual condition of bail" has been imposed, we may presume, to secure that those who have been charged do not commit an offence on bail, pending the hearing of each case to decide on guilt or innocence.

The courts and the statutes presume innocence: interestingly, Lord Gifford refers to the policy of the courts and police as being designed "not to prevent *further* crime being committed ..." (my emphasis) whereas the words of the statute are "does not commit an offence".

Yours faithfully,
M. D. VARCOE-COCKS,
3 Onslow Court,
Drayton Gardens, SW10.
July 19.

From Mr A. D. R. Holland

Sir, Lord Gifford's letter (July 19) completely ignores the enormous strain now being placed on the Nottinghamshire magistrates by Mr Arthur Scargill and his storm-troopers.

Our system of magistrates assumes a widespread observance of the law. It cannot function effectively in a situation involving an orchestrated campaign to breach the peace in a narrow area.

With typical common sense, the magistrates appear to have decided to contain the problem by a sensible interpretation of the Bail Act, leaving open, presumably, a defendant's option to appeal bail conditions to a higher court, whilst endeavouring to prevent the accused from getting into deeper trouble.

I would suggest that Lord Gifford and his fellow lawyers would be doing a greater service to their miner clients if they dropped this silly legal quibble and, instead, used all their undoubted talents to persuade Mr Scargill to observe all the laws and not just those that happen to suit him on a particular day.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY D. R. HOLLAND,
Windlesham Manor,
Windlesham,
Surrey.

Summer of discontent

From Professor Frank Musgrove

Sir, Your timely leading article (July 12) teckles fundamentals. It errs only in underestimating Scargill and the power of unreason.

Scargill is in fact far more dangerous, amoral and powerful than Mosley ever was. Mosley did not effectively control a key sector of the economy. Nor did he lead men of such elemental passions and limited education and understanding.

The NCB has shown quite astonishing naiveté. Letters to miners and big advertisements addressed to them in the press assume not only that miners read but that they understand such words as "economic" and "environment". They do not. Their conceptual range does not extend much beyond "scab".

The present strike is a terrible indictment of our educational system, which leaves very simple and unlettered men at the mercy of unscrupulous manipulators. Formerly all the boys in a mining village went down the pit, including some of great intellectual gifts; for the past thirty years only C and D-stream pupils have gone that way. D-stream "sec mods" make excellent cannon fodder in politico-industrial wars of attrition.

No man should work down a pit. We must hasten the day when there are virtually no miners left and mining is, as far as is humanly possible, automated. It is precisely modernization towards this (genuinely humane) end that Scargill resists.

And now all the claptrap about "communities": nobody who has actually lived in an isolated mining village could wish to preserve it in all its narrowness and intolerance.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
FRANK MUSGROVE,
Fin Cop,
Moody Sty Lane,
Grassington,
North Yorkshire.
July 12.

'Bias' at the OU

From Professor R. C. Smith

Sir, May I make one correction to your commendable leader about the Open University (July 9)? It is misleading to say that "the OU's financing has already been settled up to and including 1986". What the university has been informed about are provisional advance indications of grant for 1985 and 1986, which the DES describe as "significant reductions on level funding" and which are to be reviewed in the course of the annual public expenditure survey.

The university has registered its concern about the level of these indicated provisional allocations, and hopes to persuade the Secretary of State that they should be increased, since if they are implemented they will seriously damage the university and the provision made for its students.

Yours faithfully,
R. C. SMITH,
Acting Vice-Chancellor,
The Open University,
Walton Hall,
Walton,
Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire.
July 9.

Prisoners of gender

From Mr Rollo Myers

Sir, Queen Victoria had been on her throne for 55 years when I was born and a large part of my life has been spent in France. It was therefore with great interest that I perused the article by John P. Harris (July 16) in his Paris diary column entitled "Prisoners of gender".

The French language, of course, is one of the most subtle and refined of all European tongues, despite its relatively limited vocabulary (compared, for example with our own); but for the foreigner it is full of snares. Therefore I cannot agree with what your correspondent had to say about genders, the absence of which in our own language often leads to clumsy circumlocutions.

How much simpler, for example, it would be to be able to say, as in French, the equivalent of *mon cousin* or *ma cousine* instead of having to state their Christian names specifically in order to define their sex. And when Mr Harris actually suggests making the feminine the "normal gender" – whatever that may mean – he is really going too far. He does not seem to realize that *il* can be neuter (as in "*il pleut*"), but *elle* never.

Yours faithfully,
ROLLO MYERS,
Bernard's Gate,
22 Lavant Road,
Chichester,
West Sussex.
July 16.

Wigan market

From Mr Henry Tennant

Sir, The decision of local government in Wigan to demolish their thriving market hall in the name of urban regeneration invites ridicule and contempt. A much loved institution in the town, it provides a vital centre of employment and local cultural identity that no shopping centre could ever hope to match. It is a home to 200 independent companies which promotes entrepreneurship and an acumen for self-reliance, valued qualities which are lost in retail outlet chains.

There is no excuse for local and central government to continue in the arrogance that they are a better judge of how the local environment should be shaped as opposed to the wishes of the people themselves – 50,000 of them in this case. Mr Jenkin would earn some much needed support in the North-west if he put an end to this farce.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY TENNANT,
55 Ledburn,
Ashurst,
Skelmersdale,
Lancashire.
July 12.

Never-never land

From Mr B. R. W. Gofton

Sir, If you draw a line on the map roughly south-west from Filey until it reaches Middleton-on-the-Wolds after passing by Ruston Parva, you will find that it goes straight through Thwing. Fifty or sixty years ago this village was, by some in the area (particularly, perhaps, on the coast), pronounced "Twing", and it would have been hotly denied that there was no such place.

I have been waiting for someone living in those parts to write and say that Twing survives to this day, but Thwing seems to sit more happily with neighbouring Kirby Grindalythe, Foxholes, Fridaythorpe, Fimber and Wetwang.

Yours faithfully,
B. R. W. GOFTON,
Ruffside,
34 Grove Road,
Havant,
Hampshire.
July 17.

Dressage to music

From Mr George Speaight

Sir, While wishing Jennie Loriston-Clarke and Dutch Courage every success in turning themselves into the Torvill and Dean of British dressage, (sports feature, July 3) one must make the point that dressage to music is nothing new.

Philip Astley produced a cotillion with eight mounted horsemen at the Olympics in 1806, and by the last decades of the nineteenth century *haute école* in the circus had reached such a peak of perfection that the Baron de Vaux could write of Anna Fillis that "equitation is for her no longer a science but an art. No man who is susceptible to those two great seductions, the woman and the horse, could have before his eyes a more adorable spectacle."

The insensitivity of the GLC and some other local authorities in banning circuses with animal acts from the grounds they control is depriving us of the pleasure of admiring *haute école* in the place where it can be best appreciated, the circus ring.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE SPEAIGHT,
6 Maze Road, Kew Gardens,
Richmond, Surrey.

Stopping up holes in safety net

From the Leader of Social Services of the Salvation Army

Sir, It would be terribly easy to draw the wrong conclusions from the story described in *The Times* (July 20) by Richard Govett and Jorgen Saunte if one is restricted only to the facts given.

The man described in the letter is now, sadly, dead. He died in Westminster Hospital last Tuesday, following a heart attack. Our officers from the Great Peter Street hostel were with him when he died, for they had long acquaintance with him and had kept him for long periods without remuneration in the hostel to try and help him.

On the day he was brought to our hostel at 11pm by the couple who found him in Pimlico he had discharged himself from Westminster Hospital, where he was receiving treatment for a gangrenous leg. Indeed, in the previous fortnight he had discharged himself from hospital three times.

He was a 64-year-old man, perhaps looking much older because of a serious drink problem, which left him frequently drunk and, difficult to manage.

The practice in our hostels is not to admit people after 10pm, when the duty officer goes to bed, unless they are referrals from officers or the police who phone in. The security man who answered the door at 11pm would no doubt have related this policy to the callers.

The reason for the policy is to safeguard those who are already asleep in the hostel and as a precautionary measure for our staff in these days of indiscriminate violence. Most vagrants wanting accommodation for the night know that they have to seek it early in the evening.

The security man at our hostel actually recognised the man with the couple and saw that, whilst he was not excessively inebriated, he showed sufficient signs of drunkenness to become a problem to others sleeping in the hostel, as he had so often been in the past.

Perhaps the Church Army's reluctance to admit him was related to this factor.

If advice is wanted from people who do care deeply about some of the drop-outs in our society and who know the difficulties of managing them, it would be that, if dissatisfied with the answer from the security man at the door, they should ask to speak to the duty officer, who can then make a judgment on the matter.

With his experience he could well give reasons why admission to the hostel could not be granted, or just there and then decide to take the person in.

Yours sincerely,
ROY LOVATT,
Leader of Social Services,
The Salvation Army,
101 Queen Victoria Street, EC4
July 20.

Highly rated

From Mr Peter Martin

Sir, I am a recent first-time house buyer. A 2 per cent rise in mortgage interest rates will increase my interest payments by as much as my entire rates bill from the high-spending London Borough of Haringey. How can Mr Lawson say that "nothing has gone wrong"?

Yours faithfully,
PETER MARTIN,
83 Beresford Road, N8.
July 12.

No musical chairs

From the Chairman of the London Symphony Orchestra

Sir, The photographic session which took place with Mr Mark McCormack and the LSO on the Barbican concert platform was no secret to the Barbican, contrary to your Diary statement of July 4, and in fact they recommended the photographer.

Secondly, no one has been approached by anyone in the LSO for the position of general manager and this will remain the case until all the enquiries are in from our advertisements.

Thirdly, I did fly to Vienna last month to invite Mr Lorin Maazel to conduct some concerts with the LSO in the Barbican and we are delighted that he has accepted. Your inference that "a straight swap could be in the offing" as music director between Mr Abbado and Mr Maazel is a mile from the mark, as it is well known that Mr Abbado last year signed a new five-year contract with the LSO as music director.

Finally, at no time has there been a meeting with Mr Ian Maclay, of the RPO, at which the possibility of the RPO taking over as the Barbican resident orchestra was aired.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY CAMDEN, Chairman,
London Symphony Orchestra,
Barbican Centre,
Barbican, EC2.
July 12.

Flag of inconvenience

From Mr Adrian Room

Sir, Mr Douglas B. Hague asks (July 14) how he should fashion a Jolly Roger.

The famous flag of piracy ("skull and crossbones") represents, fairly conventionally, a human skull over two crossed bones. The bones are closest in size and proportion to the humeri (upper arm), but are in the position of the forearms when the arms are crossed over the chest with the tips of the fingers resting on the shoulders.

Mr Hague will find a full description of the Jolly Roger, and an illustration of it, in *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* (vol II, p 1220).

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN ROOM,
173 The Causeway,
Petersfield, Hampshire
July 14.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 20: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this morning visited The Prince's Trust Camp 1984 at Badbury Rings, near Wimborne, Dorset.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr David Roycroft, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon visited the Factory of Poll and Withey Windows Limited at Watton, Thetford.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon Mrs Wills.

YORK HOUSE
St JAMES'S PALACE
July 20: The Duchess of Kent, as Chancellor, today presided at Congregations for the Conferment of Degrees at the University of Leeds.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs David Napier, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Princess Alexandra will attend the 157th annual festival dinner of the Printers' Charitable Corporation at Grosvenor House on October 24.

Luncheons

Shipwrights' Company
The Shipwrights' Company held its annual court meeting at Trinity House on Thursday. The Prime Warden, Mr J. E. Neary, presided and was assisted by Wardens, Alderman and Sheriff R. C. L. Charvet, Mr D. B. Kimber, Rear-Admiral M. C. Morgan-Giles and Mr G. R. Newman. Viscount Runciman of Doxford and other past Prime Wardens and assistants to the Court were present. Members of the Court afterwards lunched at Trinity House with their ladies.

Anglo-Colombian Society
Sir Anthony Kershaw, MP, was guest of honour and principal speaker at a luncheon held yesterday at the Institute of Directors to commemorate the National Day of Colombia. The guests were received by the Colombian Ambassador, president, and Señora de Espinosa and Mr T. E. Rogers, chairman, and Mrs Rogers.

Dinners

Plumbers' Company
Mr Donald Brown, Master of the Plumbers' Company, presided, assisted by the Upper Warden, Mr Peter Steer, and the Renter Warden, Mr Martin Caroe, at a Court of Assistants' dinner held at Ironmongers' Hall yesterday. The guests included the Masters of the Carmen's, Farriers' and Carpenters' Companies.

Primrose League
Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, Chancellor of the Primrose League, accompanied by Lady Murton, was the principal guest of the Ealing branch of the league at the centenary dinner held last night at the Bellhouse Hotel, Beaconsfield. Mr Ronnie Politeyan presided.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr P. A. Allaire, 46; Sir Nigel Broackes, 50; Mr Basil Gray, 80; Sir Cyril Hawker, 84; Sir Kirby Laing, 68; Dr Jonathan Miller, 50; Major-General the Duke of Norfolk, 69; Mr Julian Pettifer, 49; Sir David Piper, 66; Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle, 56; Mr Karel Reisz, 58; Mr Isaac Stern, 64.

TOMORROW: Mr Dennis Arundell, 86; Dr Sir Reginald Bennett, 73; Brigadier Lorne Campbell of Airds, VC, 82; Group Captain Hugh Dundas, 64; Mr Bryan Forbes, 58; Mr Jimmy Hill, 56; Major-General Sir Douglas Kendrew, 74; Professor Sir Ronald Mason, 54; Professor J. S. Mitchell, 75.

Bradfield College

The Warden and Council of Bradfield College announce the appointment of Mr Peter Smith as headmaster. Mr Smith, who is at present a housemaster at Rugby School, will take office at the beginning of the Summer Term 1985 on the retirement of the present headmaster, Mr Anthony Quick.

Memorial service

Judge Mynett, QC
The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr M. C. Blair, Administrator of the Midland and Oxford Circuit, at a memorial service, held for Judge Mynett, QC, in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Thursday. Canon James Fenton officiated, assisted by the Rev Ronald Lloyd. Father Richard Incledon read the lesson and Judge Leo Clark, QC, read from "The Tempest". Judge Irvine, representing the presiding judges of the Midland and Oxford Circuit, gave an address.

Science report

Search for intelligent life in space enters new era

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The quest for intelligent life in remote parts of the universe is about to enter its second stage of exploration. A systematic search which began 25 years ago, has revealed no clear evidence that developed life forms exist elsewhere, although it has identified molecules which could provide the building blocks of higher organisms on some suitable planet.

Armed with additional information, the new programme is planned for two observatories continuously scanning the heavens with detectors a million times more sensitive than those available a few years ago. The new experiments, devised by teams working with Dr Phillip Morrison of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Dr Guiseppi Cocconi were formulated at a meeting at Boston University recently when astronomers who had conducted the previous searches examined proposals for improved methods.

At that meeting a new group was formed with the approved of the International Astronomical Union, thereby giving a scientific respectability to the search for extraterrestrial life; often referred to as the SET1 project.

Efforts to seek other intelligence began in 1959 when Morrison and Cocconi, then at Cornell University, suggested that civilizations trying to establish contact with each other would probably attempt it with a radio link working at 21 centimetres, based on the radiation given off by free atoms of hydrogen, the most common element in the universe. Signals beamed to a regular pattern would, according to this theory, be understood.

Since their proposals 45 search projects have been started, and a number of them are still focused on that wavelength. In the new exploration a more systematic survey of the sky will be made with a range of radio frequencies and detectors that can monitor several hundred thousand channels simultaneously.

The good, subversive theologian

The beliefs of physicists, whose dazzling mathematical and experimental achievements equip them with a particular vision of the fundamental structures of time and space, are sharply discontinuous with commonsense perception of places and things. There is a "gap" between the pyhsicist's beliefs and our own. This does not greatly disturb us because, while we work with the tools which the scientist's adventures make possible, his *theoretical* activities have little apparent impact on our daily living.

There is also a "gap" between the beliefs of political leaders and shapers of sophisticated opinions and the beliefs of many who occupy the social rank and file. You have not got to be black, or poor, or elderly, or Mrs Mary Whitehouse, to find your perception of British society, and your diagnosis of its needs, sharply at variance with the views both of our governors and of those who set the tone of social and cultural debate.

It is often claimed, and the claim was reiterated during the debates attending the Bishop of Durham's consecration, that there is a dangerous "gap" between the views of academic theologians and the convictions of the person in the pew. If there is such a gap, is it more like that between the expert and the layman, or like that between the leaders and those they seek to lead?

In my experience, most academic theologians do not regard themselves as church leaders, and I believe that in this they are correct. The theologian, in these days of unavoidable if dangerous specialization, knows quite a lot about very little. Like many other "experts", however, they are tempted (when you put them on television) to give the impression, wittingly or unwittingly that their range of expertise is far wider than is, in fact, the case.

Theologians are boffins, but a queer kind of boffin because their own integrity and self-understanding are continually tested and challenged by the very matter of their investigations.

The first reason why the analogy between the theologian and the scientist breaks down is that, though they share (or should share) a common passion for disinterestedness, the theologian, unlike the scientist, does not possess privileged knowledge of the object of his or her inquiry. Whether at Bethelehem or Gethsemane, the theologian, like any other christian, removes his shoes, knowing himself silenced by the mystery of grace: by insignificance and agony, and by the uncontrollable surplus of divine affection which, in such suffering and in all mundane circumstance, makes and sustains and heals us. The theologian who supposes that, *because* he is a theologian, he knows God better or comprehends His ways more surely than other people, is both egotist and idolater.

The second reason why the analogy breaks down is that the theologian, unlike the scientist, is not a pathfinder, a pioneer whose forays into uncharted territory leave the main body, breathless, in the jungle, far behind. Many people (including many theologians) do thus visualize the theologian's role, and so account for the "gap". In doing so, however, they are in my view dangerously mistaken.

The "pathfinder" image presupposes that the history of theological exploration is a history of "progress", albeit fitful. But this illusion, far from being authentically "radical", comes dangerously close to subservience to the extremely conventional and complacent assumption that the classical forms of Christian believing belong to the childhood of our culture which we have now outgrown.

Like many teachers of theology, I spend much of my time trying to disturb stereotyped assumptions concerning what was once thought and believed: trying to help students to discover that people who thought and argued in ways we now find baffling or uncongenial were not necessarily less intelligent, less critical or less wise than ourselves. Whenever I hear someone say "until recently, Christians believed" this, that, or the other, I deem it likely that the speaker has little sense of Christian history.

As an illustration, consider the interesting fact that many contemporary non-believers, in common with Bishop Jenkins' most devout and hostile critics, appear to take it for granted that, until recently, Christians believed that Jesus, like Lazarus, was brought back to life from death, resuscitated. Whereas, in fact, from the first century to the twentieth, Christians have commonly supposed such belief to be incompatible with faith in Christ's resurrection.

At the risk of appearing to be peddling paradox, I suggest that the element of "novelty" in Christian theology consists, in large measure, in the ever-surprising discovery that the past is more interesting and disturbing than we have taken it to be: interesting and disturbing to our present perception of our predicament.

If theologians do their work well, they will upset people not because they set out to shock them, but because good theology (like the Gospel which it seeks to make "audible" in our time and place) subverts our common preference for a quiet life and our desire to have our prejudices confirmed as fact.

Few of us welcome hostility. Theologians working in an academic milieu may be tempted to suppose that, in the measure in which they succeed in making Christianity intelligible, they will render it acceptable, whereas the opposite is more likely to be the case. I wish (but am too cowardly to want) that the "people in the pew" demanded of their theologians not a slackening of intellectual endeavour but assistance in calculating and clarifying the costs of discipleship in our culture.

Nicholas Lash
Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University

A new Coalport china vase, 12 in high, one of a limited edition of 50 produced to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

Latest wills

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Peter McMullen, retd., of Upwood, Cambridgeshire, late of Bury, near Buntingford, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £1,154,435 net.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Michael McLaren and Miss C. Stacey
The engagement is announced between Michael Duncan, only son of Lord and Lady Aberconway, of Bodnant, North Wales, and Caroline Jane, elder daughter of the late Air Chief Marshal Sir John Stacey, KCB, CBE, RAF, and Lady Stacey, of Winchester.

Captain A. J. K. Wordie and Miss D. M. Stanford
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Alan Wordie, Army Air Corps, eldest son of Sir John Wordie, CBE, and Lady Wordie, of Breamore, Hampshire, and Diana, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. J. Stanford, of Sandleheath, Hampshire.

Mr A. P. Beresford and Miss S. M. E. Wood
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs C. G. Beresford, of Orpington, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Wood, of Yeadon.

Dr S. Brooke-Taylor and Miss F. R. F. Parke
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs Brooke-Taylor, of Nefyn, Gwynedd, North Wales, formerly of Matlock, Derbyshire, and Fiona Rosamund Frances, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. L. Parke, of Canberra, Australia.

Mr D. J. Clancy and Miss J. M. C. Thomas
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mrs T. Clancy, of Surbiton, Surrey, and Joanna Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Thomas, of Bishopstone, Sussex.

Dr R. D. Everett and Miss J. McArthur
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Rodney David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R. Everett, of Wray, Lancashire, and Jane, eldest daughter of Flight Lieutenant and Mrs R. McArthur, of Copmanthorpe, York.

Mr C. D. Heard and Miss S. A. Bew
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of the Rev A. R. H. and Mrs Heard, of 1 Denleigh Road, Kingswinford, West Midlands, and Stephanie, daughter of Dr and Mrs D. G. Bew, of 3 Hardwick Court, Hartlepool, Cleveland.

Mr Q. J. Huxham and Miss V. M. A. Laurenti
The engagement is announced between Quentin John, son of Mr and Mrs John Morrell Huxham, of Conker Cottage, Rotherwick, Hampshire, and Valeria, daughter of Signore and Signora Adolfo Laurenti, of Via Filipponi 14, Rome, Italy.

Mr S. S. Knight and Miss J. J. Goldwin
The engagement is announced between Stephen Sanderson second son of Mr and Mrs John L. Knight, of Biddenham, Bedford, and Judith Jean, youngest daughter of Mrs Barbara Goldwin and the late John K. Goldwin, MBE, of Shenfield, Essex.

Mr N. I. McCaul and Miss R. M. Freeman-Attwood
The engagement is announced between Neil elder son of Mr and Mrs Alec McLauchlan, of Coventry, and Rosamond, daughter of Major H. W. Freeman-Attwood, of Wanborough, Surrey, and Mrs E. Mostyn-Owen, of London, W11.

Mr I J McLeod and Miss P A McArthur
The Forthcoming marriage is announced between Ian James, only son of Mr and Mrs H McLeod, of Dunnington, York, and Pauline Anne, second daughter of Flight Lieutenant and Mrs R McArthur, of Copmanthorpe, York.

Mr M Q Watson and Miss C J Murray
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Wing Commander and Mrs D Q Watson, of Thursley, Surrey, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J Murray, of Muirkirk, Ayrshire.

Marriages

Mr J-P Richardet and Miss S. Duke
The marriage took place in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy yesterday of Mr Jean-Paul Richardet and Miss Sarah Duke, younger daughter of the late Sir Charles Dukes and of Lady Duke. The Rev John Williams officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr Lachlan Grant, and Mr Roger Theaude was best man.

Mr G. R. P. Coles and Miss M. S. Leitch
The marriage took place quietly on July 11, in Aberdeenshire, between Mr George Robert Patterson Coles and Miss Margaret Sarah Leitch.

Mr W. Milburn and Mrs C. Sarachi
The marriage took place on Monday, July 16, at Chelsea Old Town Hall, between Mr Bill Milburn, of 17 Albion Street, W2, and Mrs Elizabeth Sarachi, widow of Chatin Sarachi, of 13 Pembroke Gardens, W8.

Services tomorrow: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30 Britten in C. Let my prayer come up (Harris), Mrs M Tanner; Sung Eucharist, 11.40 Mass in G (Poulenc); E, 3 Bairstow in D, Blessed City (Bairstow) Canon Beeson; Organ Recital, 5.55 (J Clark); ES 6.30, The Dean.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: M, 7.30; HC, ...

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn Gateway): MP, 11.30 TD Benedicite A. Blessed are those that are undefiled (Greene). Rev F V A Boyse. Organ Voluntary.

HM TOWER OF LONDON (public welcomed): HC, 9.15; M, H Stanford in C. A. When Jesus sat at meat (Nicholson). The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, MP, 11.15, TD Jub Deo Stanford in C. A. Why rage fiercely the heathen (Mendelssohn). The Reader.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15; MP, 11 ...

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): Sung Eucharist, 11.15, Stanford in G. Rev M Hurst-Bannister.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, GREENWICH (public welcomed): MP, 11. We wait for thy loving kindness, O God (McKie) A. O God My King (Amner). Captain Clark McPhail URN.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: M, 11, The Chaplain; HC, 12.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed): M, 11.15 am, Canon Eric James.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 Mass for four voices (Byrd) O sacrum convivium (Byrd) Rev Dr A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton: HC, 8; HC sung 9; M, 11 Rev J D Irvine; ES 6.30 Rev P J Whitworth.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, HC 8.30, 12.05; Choral MP 11 Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street (Sloane Square, tube): HC 8.30, HC 10.30 Canon Roberts.

ST BATHOLMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M, 11. Short service (Weelkes) A. O how amiable are thy dwellings (Weelkes); E, 6.30 Fourth Service (Batten) A. When Jesus sat at meat (Nicolson); The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; Choral M and Eucharist, 11 Blake in D TD Noble in B minor, Rev W Boulton; Choral E, 6.30 Aylewood, Mag and Nunc Dimittis, Gloucester service (Howell). A. Exultate Justi (Viadana), Rev S Turrell.

ST CYPRIAN, Clarence Gate, Glentworth Street: LM, 8; M, 10.30; HM, 11 Rev P R Harding.

ST GEORGE'S Hanover Square: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11 Mozart in C Ave Verum (Mozart), Rev G D Watkins.

ST JAMES'S Piccadilly: HC, 8.30; Sung ...

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15; M, 11 Rev E G H Saunders; HC, 6.30 Rev J A Mumford.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9, Solemn Eucharist, 11 Fr Angelo SSF.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: MP, 11 and HC, 6.30 Canon de Berry.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 8.15; Family Mass, 10; Solem Mass, 11 Missa Brevis (A Gabrieli) Motet Hymn to the Trinity (Rachmaninov), Fr Rogers.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; MP, 11; EP, 6.30 Rev O R Clark.

ST STEPHEN'S Gloucester Road: LM, 8, 9; HM, 11 Missa L'hora passa (Viadana) Rev Dr Perry Butler; Solemn E and Benediction, 6 Rev Dr Perry Butler.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland) Pont Street: MS, 11 Very Rev Dr J Fraser McLuskey; ES, 6.30 Rev W Alexander Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland) Russell Street, Covent Garden: MS, 11.15 and ES, 6.30 Rev J Miller Scott.

SAINT ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran) Gresham Street EC2 (Tube St Paul's) ...

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: MS, 11 and ES, 6.30 Rev J Miller.

ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian Congregationalist), Lord's Roundabout, NW8: 9.30 am Rev J Miller.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr P Sangster.

WEST LONDON MISSION, Hinde Street Methodist Church, W1: MS, 11 Rev J Newton; ES, 6.30 Rev S Jordan.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct, EC: MS, 11 and ES, 6.30 Rev Dr B Johnson.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev M Eaton (Johannesburg).

OBITUARY

PROF KLAUS WACHSMANN

Recording of African music

Professor Klaus Wachsmann, who died at his home in Wiltshire on July 17 at the age of 77, was a scholar committed to exploring the nature of music, particularly African music, and a philosophical speculator of the mystery of musical perception.

Born and educated in Berlin, where his mentor was the great musicologist Erich M. von Hornbostel, Wachsmann left Germany after January, 1933, and moved eventually to Uganda to begin a series of encounters with African music, but turned the former musician and string player into an ethnomusicologist.

As curator of the Uganda museum in Kampala from 1949-57 he solved the problem of presenting music as a living experience by employing as museum attendants professional musicians, whose daily performances continued to delight visitors long after the Wachsmann era. His study of Ugandan musical instruments, published in 1953, remains the authoritative work, while his collection of field recordings, the earliest of which were made on cylinders with the vocalist singing into a large horn, has become unique with the passage of time and political changes in that country.

It is to the discredit of British academia that it could find no place for the foremost pioneering scholar in African music and that, on the invitation of Mantle Hood, Wachsmann went to the United States, first to the University of California, Los Angeles (1963-8) and finally to North Western University, Evanston, Illinois, where in 1975 he became Emeritus Professor.

In these surroundings, with the stimulation offered by the brilliant intellect of his close friend, the late Charles Seeger, and the intellectual ferment provided by the rival anthropological and musicological schools associated respectively with the late Alan Merriam and Mantle Hood, Wachsmann was able to utilise to the full his own immense scholarship and experience as teacher and participant in seminars and discussions.

From 1976-77 he was visiting professor at the College of Humanities, University of Texas and Dallas. His contributions to African music and culture were acknowledged by presentation in 1958 of the Bronze Medal for "devoted service to Africa" and honorary life membership of the Royal African Society.

In 1973, on the nomination of the Royal Anthropological Institute, he delivered the Huxley Memorial Lecture "From Huxley to Hood" and in 1981 gave the distinguished lecture "The Changeability of Musical Experience" to the Society for Ethnomusicology, of which he had previously been a president and member of the council as well as being for many years president of the International Folk Music Council.

The deceptively simple style of his many publications concealed a wealth of scholarship and a striving for exactitude revealed only to those who knew of the numerous and repeated revisions. As with many a single minded scholar his work would have been impossible without the selfless support of his wife, Eva (née Buttenberg) herself a musician, who survives him, together with a son and a daughter.

His students and friends will remember him best for his unfailing courtesy, his stimulating conversation, his down to earth approach and his ironical humour as revealed in a distaste for pretentiousness, ungenerosity, and sloppy scholarship.

BARON VER HEYDEN DE LANCEY

Stanley Gelbier writes:

The death has occurred in Jersey of the Baron Dr Cornelius Ver Heyden de Lancey, on his 95th birthday.

Born in the Dutch town of Middelburg, on July 18, 1889, the Baron became a naturalised Briton in 1921. Cornelius (Corney to his friends) was unique. He qualified as a dentist, doctor and lawyer, in Holland, England, Scotland and America, and also practised in Italy, France and Monaco. In addition, he was an author and art critic, specializing in the Napoleonic period. No mean achievement for one man.

The Baron will be remembered as an important benefactor for students and practitioners of his three professions, to whom he gave generously each year through the De Lancey and De la Hanty Foundation which he set up in 1970. A number of medical and dental schools, as well as the University of Cambridge, Middle Temple, Council of Legal Education, Royal College of General Practitioners, Victoria College for Boys and the Jersey College for Girls have prizes endowed in his name.

His wide interest in art and literature will be remembered through awards to the Medical Art Society, the Académie de Lyon and the Royal Society of Medicine. One of his major benefactions was the foundation, in 1972, of a Chair in Medico-Legal Studies at the University of Leiden.

Baron Ver Heyden leaves a widow, the second Baroness, who shared many of his interests.

IAN REID

Ian Reid, MBE, who served in The Black Watch before and during the Second World War and was then with the BBC Monitoring Service for nearly 30 years, died on July 15. He was 68.

Born on December 1, 1915, Reid was educated at Wellington and Sandhurst, and was commissioned in 1936. He was wounded and taken prisoner in North Africa in 1943, and escaped four times from the Germans in Italy in 1944, but was recaptured each time. In March, 1945, he broke away from a column of prisoners of war in Germany who were being marched eastward and joined a unit of advancing American forces. His account of these escapes was published as *Prisoner at Large* in 1947.

After he retired from his senior post with the BBC in 1975 he lived for part of each year in Italy where he had a farm and small vineyard in Tuscany. In 1980 he published *A Game Called Survival*, a moving account of the adventures of the English-born Contessa di San Marzano and her children in Italy during the war.

A fine tennis and squash player, he wrote for some years on Point-to-point races, and in the last three years until his recent illness was Point-to-point correspondent of *The Times*.

He leaves a widow, Pat, and four children.

Sir Hugh Hurley who died on July 13 at the age of 73 was Chief Justice, High Courts of the Northern States of Nigeria from 1967 to 1969. After being called to the Bar by King's Inns Dublin he served in Nigeria from 1940 and was Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Nigeria from 1960 to 1967.

Mr John Gaston Leathem, JP, who died on July 13 at the age of 78 was Headmaster of Taunton School from 1945 to 1966. Prior to that he had been Headmaster of King Edward VII School King's Lynn. He was made a JP for Somerset in 1953 and was chairman of the Bench from 1968 to 1976.

House of Lords — Law Report July 21 1984 — Queen's Bench Division

Criminal bankruptcy orders

Regina v Cain
Before Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Scarman and Lord Brandon of Oakbrook
[Speeches delivered July 19]

The prohibition in section 40 (1) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 against an appeal from the making of a criminal bankruptcy order was subject to the exception that an appeal could be brought where the issue was that the court, in making the bankruptcy order, had exceeded the power conferred on it by Parliament.

A criminal bankruptcy order could be made on a conviction for conspiracy to steal, in relation to individual burglaries alleged to have been committed in furtherance of the conspiracy, although the defendant had never admitted any particular burglary nor admitted the loss or damage alleged to have resulted therefrom.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Douglas Roy Cain from the judgment of the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Taylor) affirming, *inter alia*, a criminal bankruptcy order made against him at Snaresbrook Crown Court on conviction of conspiracy to steal and conspiracy to rob.

Mr Robin Grey, QC and Mr William Boyce for the appellant; Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC and Mr Christopher Ball for the Crown.

LORD SCARMAN said that although the evidence at trial, if believed, implicated the appellant as a participant in 25 burglaries, two robberies and one attempted robbery, all in pursuance of the two conspiracies of which he was convicted, he was not charged with any of them, nor did he ask for any of them to be taken into consideration upon sentence.

By section 40(1) "no appeal shall lie against the making of a criminal bankruptcy order". However, there was a line of cases in which the Court of Appeal had implied a limitation on orders that were by statute 'unappealable', adopting a distinction between 'merits' and 'jurisdiction' and allowing appeal to lie for want of jurisdiction.

The *ratio* of those cases was that the statutory prohibition of appeal had to be construed by reference to the provisions in the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 dealing with sentence, a criminal bankruptcy order being a sentence for the purposes of the Act.

The courts had been right to maintain in full the right of appeal against sentence and to construe statutory prohibitions of appeal as not applicable to sentences not authorized by law. It was a reasonable inference not to be gainsaid save by specific statutory provision that where Parliament prohibited an appeal against sentence it was dealing with the discretionary power of the court to make the order and not addressing its prohibition to orders defective in law.

In the absence of express indication to the contrary, it would be unthinkable that Parliament could intend to deprive the subject of his right of appeal against a sentence which the court had no power to pass.

Dealing with the excess of power argument in the present case, it was now admitted, indeed it was beyond argument, that it was open to the crown court to find that a conspiracy had resulted in loss or damage to others in circumstances where the immediate cause of the loss was a crime which constituted an overt act of the conspiracy.

The appellant had submitted that it was for the jury at trial to establish by verdict the appellant's participation in the crimes which were the immediate cause of the loss resulting from the conspiracies of which they were the overt acts. The 1973 Act did not say so; indeed it made it clear that the process of establishing whether the loss was the result of an offence only began after the defendant had been convicted of the offence.

It was at the sentencing stage that the court had to make up its mind whether the facts existed which enabled a criminal bankruptcy order to be made and whether it should exercise its power to make the order. An order could be properly made if it appeared to the court at that stage that the losses suffered by others were the result of any conspiracy of which the defendant had been convicted. That was what had been done in the present case and the appeal would be dismissed.

Lord Fraser, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Keith and Lord Brandon agreed.

Solicitors: Gordon James Morton; Director of Public Prosecutions.

Air ticket exchange contract

Mansouri v Singh
Before Mr Justice Beldam
[Judgment delivered July 13]

An agreement whereby airline tickets were bought on the plaintiff's behalf in Iran with Iranian currency, brought to England, and a sterling refund obtained on them for the plaintiff's benefit was an "exchange contract" within article VIII of the Bretton Woods Fund Agreement, and because such a contract was unenforceable in England, by reason of section 2(b) of that article which had been enacted into English law by the Bretton Woods Agreements Order in Council (SR&O 1946 No 36), the plaintiff could not succeed in an action on a cheque issued pursuant to the contract.

Mr Justice Beldam so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division, dismissing an action brought by the plaintiff, Mr Ahmed Mansouri, against the defendant, Mr Pritam Raj Singh, claiming payment of £33,334 due to him on a cheque which had been drawn but subsequently countermanded by the defendant, but dismissing the defendant's counterclaim for the repayment of sums already paid to the plaintiff.

Mr Augustus Ullstein for the plaintiff; Mr Richard Methuen for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE BELDAM said that the plaintiff was an Iranian who had had considerable wealth in Iran which, following the revolution, he had been unable to remove from there. His wife had come to England and arranged with the defendant, a travel agent, that the plaintiff would pay Iranian currency to a travel agency in Iran, which would buy airline tickets with it and send them to the defendant.

The defendant would then obtain a refund on the tickets and make sterling payments to her, at about double the official exchange rate. A number of such transactions had taken place, and the money duly paid by the defendant, but a post-dated cheque issued by the defendant in respect of one such transaction had been countermanded before presentation.

The defendant had said that the money claimed had already been paid, and indeed more than was due, before the cheque had been countermanded, and that he was therefore not liable under it. His Lordship was satisfied that that was not the case.

At a late stage the defendant had raised the further defence that the contract was unenforceable under the 1946 Order, and that the plaintiff could not therefore enforce payment of the cheque.

His Lordship was satisfied, following *Sharif v Azad* ([1967] 1 QB 605), that the agreement was an exchange contract for the purposes of the Fund Agreement, and, on the balance of probabilities, that it was contrary to Iranian exchange control regulations; it did not matter that the court did not know the precise terms or form of those regulations.

Iran was a member of the International Monetary Fund and a signatory of the Agreement; there was therefore a presumption that its exchange control regulations were consistent with the Fund Agreement, and there was no evidence to rebut that presumption. The contract was accordingly unenforcebble in England by virtue of article VIII of the Fund Agreement.

The plaintiff had argued that as he was suing on a cheque he did not need to rely on the contract, and that in allowing him to recover on the cheque the court would not be enforcing the contract. That, he had contended, was the true *ratio*, or a further *ratio*, of *Sharif's* case.

Having considered the judgments in that case, and what Mr Justice Kerr had said in *Wilson, Smithett & Cope Ltd v Terruzzi* ([1976] QB 683, 694-5), his Lordship was satisfied that that was not a *ratio* in *Sharif's* case.

Indeed the House of Lords had rejected such an argument in *United City Merchants (Investments) Ltd v Royal Bank of Canada* ([1983] 1 AC 168). To allow the plaintiff to recover on the cheque would be in effect to enforce the defendant's obligations under the exchange contract, and that amounted to enforcing the contract. If that were permissible, the provisions of the Bretton Woods Fund Agreement would be ineffective. Accordingly, the plaintiff could not recover the sum claimed.

There would be no order as to the costs of the claim, having regard to the fact that the defendant had failed on his factual defence and had knowingly concluded the agreement in breach of the Iranian controls, but the plaintiff would have the costs of the counterclaim.

Solicitors: Clintons; Paul Gromett & Co.

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THE TIMES Saturday A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE AND THE ARTS

Sun and civilization: Ann Fean-Smith soaks up both on an educational cruise from Greece to the Soviet Union

Waves of wisdom

TRAVEL

One of the most celebrated Mediterranean cruises was probably on board the Nahlin in 1936 when Edward VIII took Mrs Simpson and a group of friends for an exuberant trip along the coast of Yugoslavia, then through the Corinth canal, back to Athens and reality.

The King had been as carefree as a child in his "spick and span little shorts". Lady Diana Cooper remembered, too, how one day when they were ashore, he had "ordered out a dinghy and set about catching a jelly-fish with a shrimping net over his shoulder and the guests all leant over the ship's side shrieking 'there's a big one, sir' ".

Our homely ship, the Orpheus, followed some of the 1936 royal route, but we also had exciting outings to three East European countries including the Soviet Union. There was very little time for shrimping or winkling.

A Swan Hellenic cruise is like putting yourself in the hands of an agreeable nanny who cushions you against the real world and takes care of nasty, difficult things like foreign currencies and visas. This nanny does, however, allow you to stay up late at night and drink wine. Your only responsibility is not to drop your library book over the side or be boisterous during the lectures.

The cruise began at night, sailing from Athens. On our first morning at sea we woke to see the terracotta monasteries of Mount Athos rising through the blue-grey mist of the Aegean. No woman has ever been allowed to set foot on this holy mountain. The monks believe it is the preserve of the Virgin Mary, who is said to have landed there when she was shipwrecked on her way to Crete. They live frugally on rough bread, keep only male goats and even avoid all female fish.

Cultured anecdotes are the stuff of an educational cruise. Mr Michael Maclagan, a leading medieval and Byzantine scholar from Oxford, recited the impressions of a traveller who had met on Athos a monk who fled Tsarist Russia at the time of the revolution. "He was a monument of a man – tall, strong and graceful, and occasionally his feeling for God flashed from him like a sword turning in the sun."

The joy of these deck lectures was being able to sunbathe and have a running commentary at the same time. Never without a panama hat, Mr Maclagan would be in a fever of excitement as he spotted yet another monastery and then, rather like Peter O'Sullevan at Aintree, would hand us over to the ornithologist. A young Scot named Ken Shaw, he sounded more like rugby commentator Bill McLaren.

In Istanbul, we stood in the cool grandeur of the Suleymaniye mosque. The vastness of the Hagia Sophia, with its richness of silver and mosaics, was illustrated not so much by the dense and informative Swan Hellenic cruise guide book as by a sporty farmer from Norfolk. When a pigeon fluttered in through one of the lunettes the squire, holding up his shooting stick like a gun, cried: "By God, the bird is out of shot".

The Black Sea weather seemed cooler and the water more challenging. In Bulgaria, we visited the medieval town of Nessebur with its cobbled streets and history of being ransacked by the dreaded Bulgar ruler Krum in 812. Krum liked to keep the skulls of his opponents as drinking cups.

Two schoolteachers from the Bronx were more interested in the kitchens of the wooden houses. "Hey, did you see that – must be a GE45", they cried, as they spotted an early fridge.

We were briefed, before we got to the Soviet Union, with a stirring lecture on the Bolshevik Revolution and the fall of the Tsar. Professor Owen Chadwick, formerly Regius Professor of Modern History at Cambridge, suggested, much to the relief of his conservative middle class audience, that Arthur Scargill would never make a good revolutionary "because, unlike Lenin, he is too delightfully naive".

In Odessa, "nanny" had to answer lots of questions about her charges before they were allowed ashore. Once, when John Maude QC was on board, the Russians wanted to know if he was carrying any ammunition. "Only my tongue", he replied. But as we filed off the ship into the bustling, ambiguous city of Odessa we can hardly have looked like a menacing, capitalist threat. Gentle Betjemanesque women – you could almost smell the fresh cotton of their new, homemade Liberty print skirts – with their husbands in socks, sandals and floppy shirts, they were the sort of people you might see at a village fête.

In the handsome art gallery, a girl looking like some Soviet equivalent of a Sloane Ranger pointed out the main paintings. "Here we have Susan and two old men", the Sloanski said of Rembrandt's "Susanna and the Elders".

We sailed round the diamond-shaped peninsula of the Crimea to Yalta to explore the nineteenth-century Vorontsov Palace at Alupka where Churchill stayed during the Yalta Conference in 1945. An *Alice in Wonderland* mixture of Gothic and Moorish architecture, the grounds are high over the Black Sea and hillsides dotted with old palaces. A stone lion with a grumpy face prompted the guide to say: "Ah, remember Big Brother is always watching you".

A mood of exhilaration – down came the hammer and sickle and up came a submarine in Yalta harbour – set in as we prepared to sail for Greece. Everyone was in childishly high spirits after their two days in the Soviet Union.

You could tell you were in Greece when you got that whiff of oregano and lemon. We had sailed to the island of Mytilene, home of the poets Alcaeus and Sappho. We drove through villages with trees weighed down with oranges and hedges bursting with pink oleander. The blue and green washed doorways of the cottages were packed with geraniums, and donkeys laden with baskets blocked the winding paths.

We recrossed the Aegean to Turkey and being in Pergamum was like being on top of a Cornish cliff with softer air and a sea like clear blue jelly. Then on to Delos, where Greek wildflowers, not quite at their peak at the end of May, were still giving Apollo's birthplace a rainbow of blues, pinks, and yellows.

For a Swan Hellenic cruise not to go to Athens, is, as they say, like Hamlet without the prince. We saw the Parthenon soon after dawn at the start of a lyrical day. We felt the cooling influence of Mount Hymetus, famous for its honey, blue marble and striking sunsets.

The temple of Poseidon at Sounion is Land's End for sailors as they round the southernmost tip of Greece on their way home. Two academics were arguing about the authenticity of Byron's name etched in one of the tall columns – a delicious argument, resolved when one of them broke into the poet's lines about "the waves . . . murmurous sweep". The name of Nancy Kettle from Ohio went unremarked.

That night there was a full moon as we passed through the eerie sandstone of the Corinth canal; next day past Ithaca, the island home of Odysseus, and up the turbulent Adriatic.

We sailed into Venice on a perfect early June morning. From the shore, we had a last look back at the Orpheus and thought how comfortable she seemed beside all those cheeky vaporettos and swishy gondolas. She had been our home for a fortnight and we had grown very fond of her. Goodbye Nanny.



Ancient and modern: *The Lion Terrace on the island of Delos, known in Greek mythology as the birthplace of Apollo; and a street cleaner at work in Yalta in the Soviet Union.*



Swan Hellenic Cruises run cruises between March and Christmas, at approximately fortnightly intervals. Fly from Gatwick to port of embarkation, cruise lasts 13 nights and then fly back from starting point. Cost ranges from £660 to just over £1,000. Further details from Swan Hellenic Cruises, Beaufort House, St Botolph Street, London EC3 (01-247 7532) or ABTA travel agents.

Long-haul holidays, short-term benefits



A further growth in the number of Britons taking package holidays to long-haul destinations over the coming year was forecast this week by Kuoni, the leading operator in this sector of the market.

During the past year, long-haul holidays have shown a growth of 5 per cent, but Kuoni predicts that it is only a matter of time – albeit years rather than months – before holiday prices increase and start reflecting more accurately the extra distance and costs involved.

"It is simply not rational to pay the same £500 for a long-haul holiday as for a short-haul destination which might be four times closer to your departure points", Mr Brian Whitham, Kuoni's marketing director, says.

Prices for long-haul holidays have been held down as a result of the world recession, which has cut leisure travel and led to airlines and hotels holding or cutting their rates in an attempt to retain as much business as possible. The boom in bookings to India, Sri Lanka, Egypt and Barbados, for example, is directly attributable to prices which are competitive with the more expensive short-haul holidays, according to Kuoni.

Meanwhile, Britain's largest tour operator, Thomson Holidays, will next week launch its first major programme of long-haul holidays to destinations in the Far East, India, East Africa, the Caribbean, Florida and South America. Prices for a holiday in Barbados will start at £499.

Last chance

Two villa-holiday operators have come up with special deals for summer late-bookers. American Express is offering a week's free rental of a Fiat 127 to customers taking one of its villa holidays in Sardinia between now and the end of August. Amex says this offer will save holidaymakers more than £100. Blue Arrow Holidays will give a week's free villa or apartment holiday next winter to all customers who book a full-price summer holiday of any duration in selected villas in the Algarve or Denia on the Costa Blanca, or in any of its properties in Majorca. Information from travel agents or from American Express (01-631 4242) or Blue Arrow (St Albans 69111).

Longship Holidays, run by the Danish ferry company DFDS Seaways, is selling camping holidays in Denmark during August for only £36 per person. To qualify for this fare, a minimum of two adults must travel together, but ferry transport of a car between Harwich and Esbjerg is included in the price and one child under 16 per adult can travel free. Camping vouchers, which can be used on 15 sites in Denmark, are also included in the package.

Tax-freedom

One of the few tour-operating companies to offer a complete no-strings guarantee against surcharges in its newly-published 1984-85 winter programme is The Travel Club of Upminster. Most tour operators reserve the right to pass on surcharges caused by government action, such as increases in VAT or airport taxes abroad, and for the coming winter several companies have said they will pass on increases in the cost of aviation fuel. Further information from The Travel Club (Upminster 24000).

Sail away

Standby transatlantic fares, originally introduced by the airlines to compete with Sir Freddie Laker's Skytrain, have been extended to sailings between Southampton and New York on Cunard's QE2. The fare is a flat-rate £395 per person one-way, based on double occupancy of a cabin, and standby bookings will be confirmed at least two weeks before sailing. The cheapest normal one-way fare in the summer peak season is £805.

British Airways is to introduce flights from Heathrow to Cape Town on September 28 with a once-weekly one-stop service giving a flight time of 14 hours 20 minutes.

Go east

China's policy of gradually relaxing restrictions on travel by westerners is reflected in a new programme from a London operator, Travel 2. The company is offering individual tours to Canton, Shanghai or Peking on which visitors can stay in each city for as long as they want, subject to a one-day stop in Hongkong to complete immigration formalities. Information from travel agents or from Travel 2 (01-439 3561).

The German airline Lufthansa has increased the free baggage allowance for first-class passengers from 66lb to 88lb and for full-fare economy passengers from 44lb to 66lb. The allowance for passengers on reduced fares remains at 44lb.

Back on schedule

Tunis Air is to reintroduce scheduled services between Heathrow and Monastir after a gap of three years. The service will operate every Monday, starting on October 29, and the lowest excursion fare will be £165 return.

Philip Ray

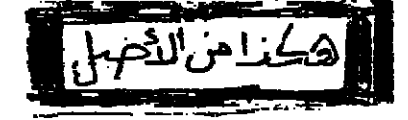
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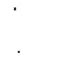
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NEAL Trevina Elizabeth of 22 Becmead Avenue, London SW16, died on 4th April 1984. Particulars to Stones Leigh & Co., Solicitors, of 184, Streatham High Road, SW16 1BJ before 30th September 1984.





IN THE GARDEN

The Times Garden Project, Month 11

Growth points in need of scrutiny

The Times garden project in west London is now nearly one year old. No more work towards planning the garden can be done until the autumn, and routine maintenance is all that is necessary at the moment

The dry spring has meant that none of the plants have achieved normal growth; as a result they have made less of an impact than we hoped. New plantings this past spring and winter needed water much more than established plants which had fairly deep roots.

Summer pruning of the fruit trees is called for and young trees in particular should not be allowed to make too much growth. The trees should be encouraged to make fruiting spurs and this can only be done by reducing lateral growth. Where growth has been vigorous, reduce laterals by about half their length with a sharp pair of secateurs.

The grass in the garden is growing quite strongly and needs to be encouraged. Cutting should be done as often as possible; I would suggest once a week as this does not take off too much growth with each cut. Feeding should be done little and often. In the first season after sowing, I prefer to feed gently every three weeks. Feeding should only be done if the lawn is moist.

Shrubs are taking off now and it is important to keep the bushes trained so they retain an attractive shape. Evergreens need little pruning and they can be left to grow. Deciduous shrubs are different; shoots appear to go mad and grow out of character. Cut them back or remove them at source. As far as variegated shrubs are concerned, any green shoots that appear must be cut out as soon as they are seen. This is often the plant reverting to its green form, which is nearly always more vigorous than the variegated one and will in consequence grow more quickly.

Ashley Stephenson


Steve Blogg

Encouraging signs: Petunias in full flower, one of the bright spots of the first year's work

The owner writes:

The warm and sometimes wet weather has brought out the weeds and Ashley Stephenson's warning about *Oxalis corymbosa* has come home to roost. Last autumn he pointed out the weed, which looks like innocent clover, in the narrow border running down the side of the house and noted that it can spread rapidly.

It has now reached all the borders including the large rear area. It grows so easily that we are reduced to trying to check it by lifting the plant's root bulbs individually with a kitchen fork. But it seems we may be fighting a losing battle.

Hopes for a sizable apple crop have been dashed by the June drop. Almost all the apples duly fell, leaving one tree bare and a single apple on the Cox's orange pippin and the James Grieve. However, if these two apples survive to be eaten we will still be doing much better than we anticipated when we planted them.

Many of the shrubs continue to do well but the buddleia has begun to suffer under the weight of its own boughs and dropped.

All the borders show good colour with a large mixture of bedding plants and continuing bloom from all the roses.

When we designed the garden we decided to leave the positioning of a shed or storage box to the concrete by the side of the house. We are now having difficulty in finding anything that will fill the space which is 2ft wide. We may have to resort to some ad hoc construction to hold our tools and lawn mower.

Cool blue poppies

■ Although they are known as the blue poppies of the Far East, not all of the *Meconopsis* family are in fact blue. Much sought after as they are so distinctive, they are unlike any other plant; their common name implies that they belong to the poppy family, *Papaveraceae*, and indeed the foliage and flowers are a little reminiscent of the more commonly grown poppies.
The main condition for successful cultivation is lime-free soil, which should be moist but not too wet. Good soil is important and although it does not have to be very rich, it should be high in humus.
Most are quite hardy; they are less happy in warmer parts of the country and should be planted in as near woodland conditions as possible, where they are sheltered from drying or cold winds.
Correct planting is essential. Never deep plant the crowns of any of this family; they should be planted so that the crown of the plant is level with the surface of the soil.
There are several forms. One of the best is *Meconopsis betonicifolia*. Now in flower, the rich, deep blue petals stand out from their woodland setting and under good conditions, the flowers will reach 4ft although they are usually smaller than that. Clumps can be quite big and strong. Reproduced best by division, it is possible to get seed from some suppliers (Thompson and Morgan, for example).
M grandis has larger flowers than *betonicifolia*, and the blue colouring is just as intense. *Grandis* flowers a little earlier, but if conditions were right, you could get both in flower at the same time.
A group known as *M x sheldonii* are strong growers and have the biggest flowers of all. Vigorous plants, they require the same conditions and if you experience difficulty with the others, these are the ones to try.
M cambrica is the Welsh Poppy, which is yellow and is a colonizer, so take care where you plant it.

Meconopsis grandis



Growing a raspberry

■ This has been one of the best years for crops of raspberries. New canes are strong and healthy and they must now be given the space they require to ripen properly so that next year's fruit will be as good. It is also time to remove the weed cover if you have not done so already. Do not dig deeply as raspberries are shallow rooters and could do untold harm.
All the canes which carried fruit this year should be removed.
Using a pair of secateurs cut out, as close to ground level as you can, all the canes which fruited. Pull out the cut canes carefully so as not to damage the young canes you are leaving. If you are using a framework tie them to the wires with spaces of 4-6in between them on the top wire. Make sure the wires are taut so they do not buckle under the weight of the canes.
Water in and apply a general fertilizer such as Growmore to give them a boost, one fertilizer application only. Mulch after watering – a thick mulch close to the plants will help keep weeds down.

REVIEW

Video cassettes

A fresh view of past triumphs

The Race For the Championship (90 min). Thames Video, £19.95
The Bradman Era (48 min). Available from Wisden Cricket Monthly, 313 Kilburn Lane, London W9, £19.95, plus 75p postage

What these two tapes underline is that snippets of football work better on video than snippets of cricket. While it is possible to convey the essence of a football match (however misleadingly) with a couple of minutes of goals and near misses, cricket – even one-day cricket – cannot be encapsulated in the same way.

The Race For the Championship is an expert piece of encapsulation, giving the story of the 1983/84 Canon League season from the opening shots last August to Liverpool's eventual triumph a couple of months ago. Drawing on both BBC and ITV coverage, it misses little and manages to cram in 125 goals – a striking rate of more than one per minute of video running time.

We tend to take it for granted now, but television does an extraordinarily comprehensive job. What with the speed of the camera, the ability to get in close, immediate action replays and coverage of the same incident from different angles, the armchair spectator gets so much more than the man on the terraces that it hardly seems worth going (ah, but the atmosphere . . .).

Where football, unlike cricket, still lags is in the quality of commentary and analysis. Of course the game moves faster than cricket, giving less time for reflection. But too often the commentary is on the level of "what a fantastic save!" when that is precisely what the viewer has just seen for himself.

In the age of Don Bradman camera work was still largely hit and miss. If the fall of a wicket was captured while it happened this was a bonus; more often the voice-over had to fill in the details over a shot of a disappointed batsman trudging back to the pavilion. The camera was hardly ever behind the bowler's arm and there were no instant replays.

For all these limitations, to which may be added lack of colour, *The Bradman Era* is a tape rich in atmosphere and nostalgia and no cricket follower will want to miss it. Here are glimpses of five England-Australia rubbers in which Bradman was a key figure, produced by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and narrated by that erstwhile bowler of fiery leg breaks, Bill O'Reilly.

Curiously missing out 1930 (and arguably the greatest Bradman innings, his 254 at Lord's) the tape starts with the bodyline tour and ends with the famous Hollies googly at the Oval, which toppled the great man for a duck and left his Test average at 99.96 instead of the 100.00 that a single boundary would have given him.

The clarity of much of the footage is surprisingly high. There is particularly good material, valuable for being mostly unfamiliar, from the 1934 series in England.

Among the vignettes of 1934 are the Australians desperately at sea against Verity's spin on a Lord's turner (shades of Laker 22 years later) and the impish Patsy Hendren chuckling his way to a Test century at the age of 45. And for those who have only read about Clarrie Grimmett, here is a chance to see his amazingly casual action (how could he have been so accurate?).

Speaking of actions, there is a fascinating comparison between Harold Larwood and Ray Lindwall running up to deliver in which it is almost impossible to tell which is which; unfortunately such insights are rare. There are, it must hastily be added, clips galore of Bradman himself, leaving you in no doubt of his qualities: the speed of his eye and his merciless execution.

Peter Waymark

Everybody's hero: Don Bradman, the great Australian captain

COLLECTING

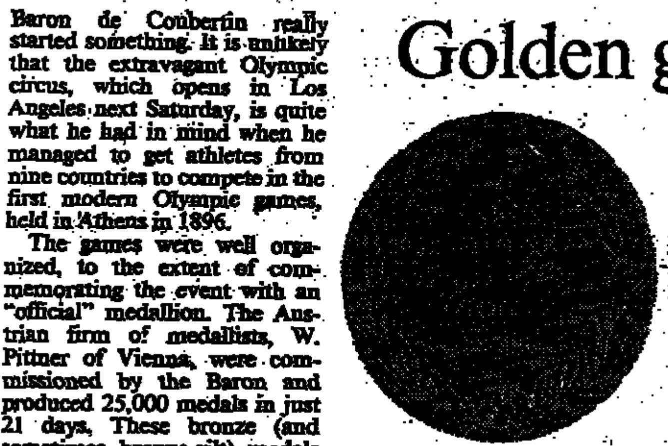
Golden glories of the Games

Baron de Coubertin really started something. It is unlikely that the extravagant Olympic circus, which opens in Los Angeles next Saturday, is quite what he had in mind when he managed to get athletes from nine countries to compete in the first modern Olympic games, held in Athens in 1896.

The games were well organized, to the extent of commemorating the event with an "official" medallion. The Austrian firm of medallists, W. Pittner of Vienna, were commissioned by the Baron and produced 25,000 medals in just 21 days. These bronze (and sometimes bronze-gilt) medals were designed by a Greek artist, N. Lytras, and show a stylish *fin de siècle* Athena.

It is not certain whether the medal was a success or failure, for either it sold out, or someone in Athens must be sitting on a crate of them. Whatever the reason, these 88-year-old medals are now scarce collectors' items.

Some of the 1896 medals were slightly altered and then re-issued for the special tenth anniversary games. These were held in Athens, and were also commemorated by a splendid silver medal struck in Paris and designed by J. C. Champlain, a champion of Art Nouveau.


Old: Medal commemorating the 1896 Olympics in Athens

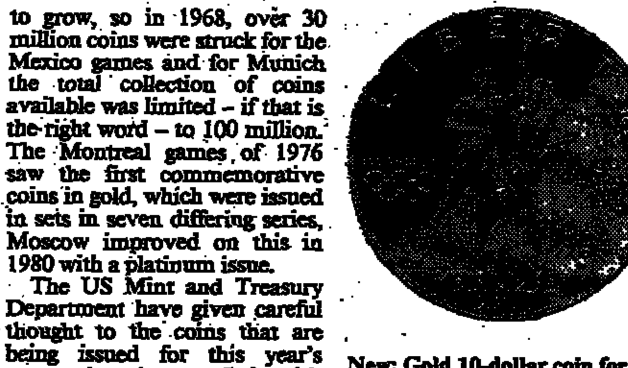
With the wider commercial horizons of the post-war world, the commemorative medal lost out to the commemorative coin; the first of these was introduced to help raise funds for the Helsinki games. A 500-markka coin was issued for the two years 1951 and 1952, and it is amusing to note that the mintage for the first of these years was only 18,000 specimens, less by far than the Baron's medal of 1896; yet for 1952 over half a million coins were struck.

Good ideas have a tendency to grow, so in 1968, over 30 million coins were struck for the Mexico games and for Munich the total collection of coins available was limited – if that is the right word – to 100 million. The Montreal games of 1976 saw the first commemorative coins in gold, which were issued in sets in seven differing series. Moscow improved on this in 1980 with a platinum issue.

The US Mint and Treasury Department have given careful thought to the coins that are being issued for this year's games; these have to fit in with both their coinage policy and their tradition of select commemorative issues.

Two coins dated 1984 have been struck: a gold 10 dollars or Eagle, and a silver dollar. There are, of course varieties, with the "proof" silver coins – that is those with a specially polished mirror-like surface – struck at the mint in San Francisco, while the "brilliant uncirculated" coins are struck in Philadelphia.

Gold coins in the same two conditions are struck at the new West Point mint in New York state, and are the first American coins to have the "W" mintmark. The gold 10-dollar coin is struck to the same specification as its much earlier counterpart of 1838; in Britain gold sovereigns have been struck on and off since 1958, but this is the first American gold coin for 50 years.


New: Gold 10-dollar coin for the 1984 games in Los Angeles

With a mintage of two million gold coins and a correspondingly high figure for the silver, the coins are not intended to become overnight rarities. The good news is that for every coin sold, a small percentage of the money goes to the running of the games; a futher percentage will go to the British Olympic Appeal from every coin sold in this country.

For this special cause and for the first time ever, some high street banks are promoting the sale of these coins. Leaflets and order forms are on display at all branches of the Bank of Scotland, Barclays, Clydesdale, Midland and Northern Banks, the Royal Bank of Scotland, Williams and Glyn's and in Eire the Bank of Ireland.

All items will also be available direct from the official United Kingdom distributor: Spink Modern Collections, PO Box 222, Croydon, Surrey CR0 2BQ.

The prices of the coins are:

Proof silver dollar £37.50; brilliant uncirculated silver dollar £32.50; proof gold 10 dollars £360; brilliant uncirculated gold 10 dollars £350; presidential proof set (six coins, dollar – cent) £67.50.

For those who feel that the gold 10 dollars is on the expensive side, it is worth noting that a choice example of a coin of the same denomination from 50 years ago is now selling for a similar price.

One can't help but wonder what did become of the 25,000 medals struck for the 1896 games?

Daniel Fearon

Snooze your cravings away

Stop Smoking (60min). Videoslim to Lose Weight (60min). Holiday Brothers £19.95 each.

Videos which encourage you to close your eyes and nod off while they are on your television screens sound self-defeating as well poor value for money. Two new releases which make just these recommendations are, however, not intended to be entertaining.

Both films, *Stop Smoking* and *Lose Weight*, are billed as "video therapy" and wisely carry a warning on their packaging. They are, in fact, hypnotism in your own home and employ subliminal techniques to get their messages across.

Such techniques have been banned as forms of advertising because they aim to implant a message in your unconscious mind and thus influence your actions later. The warning on these videos is that they are not suitable for anyone suffering from epilepsy, or undergoing psychiatric treatment.

Those warnings heeded, viewers will find themselves being addressed from the other side of a desk by Mr Alf Fowles, a therapist whose flat northern tones, a beard resembling that once worn by Jimmy Hill, and newscaster delivery lend him an air of folksy credibilty.

In *Lose Weight*, amiable Alf lets you into the secret that at school he was known as Fatty Fowles. He seems slim enough now, but without telling you exactly how he shed those unwanted pounds, he suggests that the problem is all in the mind.

Overeating, he says, is a symptom of unhappiness or guilt, and has a lot to do with sex. Food may become a substitute for love; fat a defence against flirtation. You may have become overweight because you don't want to be attractive to your partner any more.

Relax, Mr Fowles says, and listen to me. Close your eyes and I'll help take your problems away. He lulls you towards this happy state with the aid of a metronome, which after ticking from one side of the screen to the other, certainly makes the eyelids heavy.

As in *Stop Smoking*, Mr Fowles murmurs advice into what he hopes is your unconscious, and pushes subliminal messages abut the joys of losing weight and giving up smoking via barely readable words flashed on the screen. Some of the images he conjures up are unusual as well as distinctly unpleasant. He links smoking with blood clots, gangrene and leg amputation; all very nasty things and cigarettes are, by association, equally vile.

Just how effective these films are depends, of course, entirely on the suggestability and acceptance of the viewer. As he says, you must sincerely wish to lose weight, or to stop smoking, for them to do any good at all.

As one who stopped smoking five months ago, I found that particular film mildly supportive, but I'm not at all sure that it would have persuaded me to give up cigarettes. It might, just might, have helped. If so, Mr Fowles was shrewd in producing *Lose Weight* as well, for like most ex-smokers I have gained quite a few pounds since I stopped.

The recommendation that goes with both tapes is to watch them several times to derive maximum benefit. This is quite a challenge. Mr Fowles might be hypnotic, but he is hardly magnetic.

Thomson Prentice

DRINK

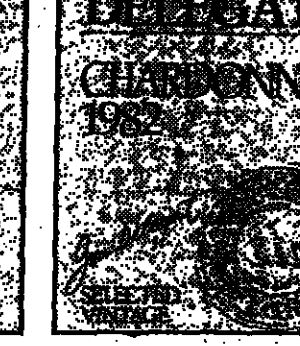
Nice surprises from a new frontier

Of all the new wine countries New Zealand is probably the most recent – the first vines were planted by an Anglican missionary as late as 1890. And it took another century and a half for the New Zealanders to get used to drinking table wine at all, for until 1970 the vast majority of their grapes were turned into sticky fortified wines. In addition, New Zealand's first efforts at table wine were made mostly from hybrid grapes such as the sweet black Albany Surprise with its unpleasant exotic foxy taste.

The wine industry was also held back in the early days both by a prohibition movement and Phylloxera, which has been a problem ever since it first arrived in the 1880s.

So it is all the more remarkable that in just 10 years the new generation of New Zealand grape growers and winemakers have turned their industry into one of the most technologically advanced in the world. On a trip there earlier this year virtually every winery I visited easily outshone its European equivalent; it bristled with the latest space-age equipment, complete with acres of stainless steel (a useful inheritance from the dairy industry).





Marks of distinction: Fine wines from New Zealand's top firms

But if the New Zealand winemakers are ahead in technology they could well be, as one disgruntled winemaker pointed out, "25 years behind in viticulture". Admittedly most of the hybrid have now gone, but Phylloxera, leaf-roll and numerous other vine diseases run riot in the country's temperate climate. More disease-free material is obviously needed to combat this problem and work should also be done to find the correct clone and rootstock for each variation of the climate and soil.

On the positive side, New Zealand's cool climate has given the wine that extra bit of finesse and elegance apparent in the Pinot Noir and Gewürztraminers, which so far no other new wine-growing country has been able to match.

Many of New Zealand's white wines (superior in general to the country's reds) are now of world class and comparable with the finest that France has to offer.

With the industry progressing at such a rapid rate every vintage is an important milestone. Last year, for instance, I felt that the New Zealanders still had to crack the Chardonnay grape, but this year I tasted a good handful of truly classic Chardonnay wines.

Cook's '80 Chardonnay, from a firm set up by a group of Auckland businessmen as recently as 1969, is a splendid example with its deep-gold buttery vanilla-nosed charm (Averys, 7 Park Street, Bristol, £6.27). Delegat's, a Dalmatian family firm, also produces some excellent Chardonnay. Windrush should have the youthful racy and flowery '83 Delegat's Chardonnay, that could do with a touch more bottle age, in stock from September. (Windrush Wines, The Barracks, Cecily Hill, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, £6.91.)

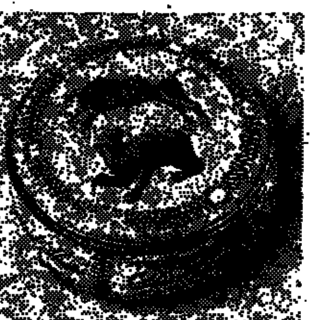
Montana is New Zealand's biggest wine company. Their vast acres of vines at Marlborough are some of the most immaculately-kept in the country and the finest wine by far is the stunning crisp, gooseberry-green '82 Sauvignon (Oddbins, £3.69; Victoria Wines, £3.99). If Montana produces the best New Zealand Sauvignon, then the enterprising Denis Irwin of Gisborne still produces the best Gewürztraminer, such as his dry, spicy, full-bodied Alsace-style '82 Matawhero Dry Reserve Gewürztraminer (Averys, £4.98).

In terms of reds New Zealand's top winemaker is Nick Nobilo, also of Dalmatian descent, and I make no apologies for again recommending his extraordinarily good smoky '78 Pinotage (Averys, £5.23) and mature, classic '78 Pinot Noir (Averys, £5.41). As one Montana wineman put it, New Zealand has definitely come of age.

Jane MacQuitty

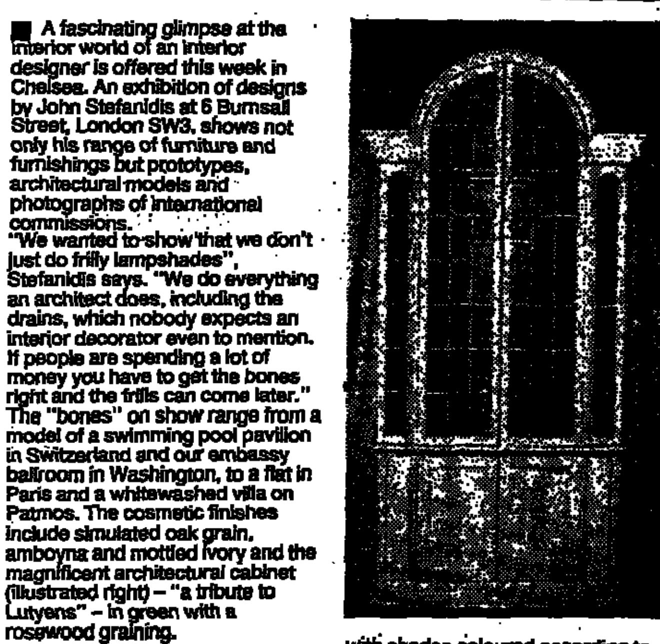
SHOPFRONT

■ At least one part of the City was feeling bullish on Monday. Attracted by the champagne opening of Halcyon Day's new shop by the Lord Mayor, Dame Mary Donaldson, a passing financier popped in and snapped up an antique tortoiseshell box at a price which alone must have covered the first week's overheads.
The shop, at 4 Royal Exchange, Cornhill, London EC3 is itself rather like a collectable small box – charmingly decorated and full of the eighteenth-century style Bilston enamels which the owner, Susan Benjamin, was instrumental in reviving 14 years ago at her shop in Brook Street.
The new boxes have been produced to mark the opening. There is the Stock Exchange box, illustrated, 2⅝in diameter, £45, with the names of various stocks and shares round the base, and a Royal Exchange box with a hand-coloured drawing of the facade, 1⅝in, £29.30.
Also worth more than a second glance are the quartz carriage clocks, hand-painted over a fine transfer-painted outline in the




eighteenth-century tradition, which cost £265, and a collection of original antique enamels whose prices start at £200.
Boxes can be designed for company presentations or even for individual occasions – a one-off might cost from £300 to £400. City spouses with birthdays or anniversaries on the horizon should acquire a catalogue immediately and tuck it into *The Times* financial pages.

■ A fascinating glimpse at the interior world of an interior designer is offered this week in Chelsea. An exhibition of designs by John Stefanidis at 6 Burnsall Street, London SW3, shows not only his range of furniture and furnishings but prototypes, architectural models and photographs of international commissions.
"We wanted to show that we don't just do frilly lampshades", Stefanidis says. "We do everything an architect does, including the drains, which nobody expects an interior decorator even to mention. If people are spending a lot of money you have to get the bones right and the frills can come later."
The "bones" on show range from a model of a swimming pool pavilion in Switzerland and our embassy ballroom in Washington, to a flat in Paris and a whitewashed villa on Patmos. The cosmetic finishes include simulated oak grain, amboyna and mottled ivory and the magnificent architectural cabinet (illustrated right) – "a tribute to Lutyens" – in green with a rosewood graining.
Even those not planning to take out a second mortgage for an entire interior scheme can have a touch of Stefanidis. Also shown are his well-established classic furnishing fabrics and a new range of chintzes, many based on antique embroideries, printed so cleverly that they retain the character of the original weave or stitching. Prices are from £11.50 to £36.95 a metre.
There are interesting accessories, too, including large wall lanterns in grey painted tin with mirrored backs, £483, and table lamps in the shape of tall, painted candlesticks



with shades coloured according to the room setting and the amount of light required, £143.75. The exhibition continues until July 27, 10am to 5.30pm.

Readers requests

■ *Where can I find small plastic containers for make-up, lotions and medicines for holiday use? Most pots are too large and too heavy for a fortnight's use.*
Tupperware do the smallest I have seen – a set of four 50ml tubes for £1.57 and a Mini Pack Set (two boxes 4in x 3½in and two pots 1¼in diamter) for £3.55. For local Tupperware dealers contact their head office at 130 College Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 1BQ (01-861 1819).
Alternatively, if you would like to try some samples and at the same time acquire small, refillable containers, Martha Hill has just brought out her Holiday Survival Kit. It contains shampoo, conditioner and tonic, bath oil, body oil and shower gel, under-eye cream, eye make-up remover, sunblock cream and gel, a deodorant and four skincare products, with an introductory selection of comestic eye and lip colours.
At £15 including p & p, it is a good opportunity (available until the end of Aug) to try many excellent and effective products) and at the same time to acquire eight 3in plastic bottles, four 1¼in pots, three 50ml pots and three tiny pots ¾in deep. For details of the kit and of Martha Hill's full-size products contact her at The Old Vicarage, Laxton, Near Corby, Northamptonshire NN17 3AT (078 055 259).

Homing in

■ "The Englishman's Home Is His Castle" is the theme of an exhibition which opens today at Falcon House Gallery, Swan Street, Boxford, Suffolk.
The centrepiece is a specially commissioned dining table in English oak by Donald Simpson with four chairs and place settings, all by different designers, and including handmade glasses, pottery, cutlery and table linen. There are also rugs, wallhangings, and garden pots
The exhibition continues until Sept 2, Tues-Sat 10.30am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm.

CHESS

Youthful zest at its best

There is something appealing about watching talented young players engaged in serious combat over the chess-board. The chess may be wanting in certain technical aspects; the players may not be conversant with up-to-date opening theory, or, if they are then they may be deficient in technical knowledge as regards the endgame. But these deficiencies are often compensated for by a wonderful flow of interesting ideas and lively, dashing attacks.

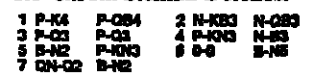
This was illustrated at the semi-finals and finals of this year's Times British Schools Championship tournament.

It should be emphasized that in those two days at St Ermin's, we were watching four teams of fine chess-players who had shown their strength by beating some 500 schools to reach the finals. There were the title-holders, Queen Mary's Grammar School of Walsall, the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, (who came third last year), and two strong contending teams from St Paul's, London, and Plymouth College.

In the semi-finals Plymouth met and defeated the champions by 4-2. The Royal Grammar School played the young and strong St Paul's team. The fact that the average age of the St Paul's team (15.8) was about a year and a half younger meant that the Royal Grammar School had to win by at least 3½ to 2½ and they did exactly that.

In the finals next day the Royal Grammar School beat Plymouth College by a massive margin of 5 to 1, thereby winning the title for the first time; St Paul's came third by narrowly defeating Queen Mary's by 3½ to 2½.

A prize for the best-played game went to Martin Hazelton who defeated David Stevenson with the following brilliantly fierce attack in the semi-final match between the Royal Grammar School and St Paul's. White: M. Hazelton. Black: D. Stevenson. Sicilian Defence.


1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
3 P-Q3 P-Q3 4 P-KN3 N-B3
5 B-N2 P-KN3 6 0-0 B-N5
7 QN-Q2 B-N2

Obvious, but the best? In the light of what now occurs it would seem better to go in for wholesale exchanges starting with 7 . . . N-Q5.

8 P-KR3 B-Q2

An unfortunate waste of time that facilitates White's attack. But, after 8 . . . BxN 9 NxB White has the advantage of two Bishops together with the makings of a fine attack.

9 P-B3 0-0 10 N-B4 P-QN4
11 N-K3 R-N1 12 N-R2 P-QR4
13 N(R2)N4 NxN 14 NxN P-N5
15 P-QB4 N-Q5 16 P-B4 Q-B1

After this White mounts an overwhelming attack. Black could, and should, have stemmed this by 16 . . . P-B4.

17 P-B5 PxP

Playing into White's hands; safest here was 17 . . . K-R1, but indeed Black's position is already severely compromised.

18 N-R6 ch K-R1 19 Q-R5 B-K3
20 NxP NxN 21 PxN B-Q2

Now comes a fine stroke which shows that White is a real master of attack.

22 P-B6 PxP 23 B-K4 P-B4
24 RxP B-QB3

Apparently saving the day by eliminating the most dangerous attacking piece . . . *but*

25 RxP P-B4 26 RxB Q-K3
27 B-B4 PxB 28 RxP Q-K2
29 R-Q5 Q-R2 ch 30 P-R5 QR-K1
31 R-K1 BxP 32 RxP RxR
33 PxR Q-R3 34 R-Q7 B-N2
35 Q-N5 R-KN1 36 RxB resigns

A lovely game by White; if now 36 . . . RxR 37 Q-Q8 ch R-N1 38 B-K5 ch, followed by mate.

Harry Golombek

FAMILY LIFE

End of term report

Breaking up is so very hard to do

Joyce Macdonald



We all like Fridays in our house: the chief breadwinner because he can look forward to a couple of days of cakes and ale, I because with any luck the week's deadlines will have been met and because my cleaning lady will have turned a menagerie into a menage again. Even the dog, showing uncharacteristic intelligence, appears to know that Fridays are auspicious and makes a great show of wagging the stump that passes for a tail.

And my son loves Fridays because they hold a tantalizing promise of jolly weekends ahead – before reality has taken the edge off – and there is no penalty for procrastination. Usually, that is.

Next Friday will be different and none of us is looking forward to it. For next Friday (or yesterday by the time you read this) my son will say goodbye to the 24 classmates with whom he has shared time for the past six years and to the teachers – and one in particular – who have variously cared for, chastised, encouraged him.

He has been in a bad humour all week. At first I thought it must be something he ate, lack of sleep or the onset of a precocious adolescence. Then I realized that he is in fact mourning for an irrevocable past. Always one to anticipate sadness (a trait inherited from his mother), he has run through the dress rehearsal of the last day a dozen times, knowing that the performance will be final, with no encores.

At school everyone is trying to pretend that nothing is happening. End-of-term activities continue apace, although a little frenzied. In the last month my son and his classmates have sung in the Royal Festival Hall, received a near standing ovation in the parish church when they repeated the performance (the first time the aisles had ever rocked to *Carmen*), staged a wonderful dance show in which fraternity and their individual talents were demonstrated to near perfection. (That the child is indeed father to the man was obvious on the benches where the parents sat feeling suddenly old, wondering just when the fledglings learned to fly.) Farewell parties are underway with no one needing a birthday as an excuse.

It all *looks* very jolly but the tension is there. Some of the children – those who are going to the secondary school of their choice – are less apprehensive about the future than those who have been forced to accept places at second or even third-choice schools. All of them know that having spent the last year being "top dogs", they now face a further six or seven years' climb up the educational ladder, starting at the bottom. And some will be doing so without the comforting familiarity of old friends.

Of the many values they have acquired over the past six years, those of friendship, solidarity and loyalty are outstanding. There have been fallings-out of course, times when they "went off" even their closest friends, when X was "a wet", Y was "just a silly girl" and Z a straightforward "pain in the neck". Differences remain but I have been amazed at the tolerance they have increasingly shown towards each other.

It has a lot, I am sure, to do with the school itself and the quality of teaching. Of course I am biased, but along with most of the other parents whose children attend the school, I do not believe I could have chosen a better place.

It sits high on a hill, tucked away from the murderous commuter traffic which on one occasion at least has caused the death of a child; and although it is in central London, it retains the shape and feel of a small village school. There, however, the similarity ends, for its pupils are – and for many years have been – cosmopolitan, with children from Poland, Japan, China, the West Indies, the United States and Australia sitting side by side with English classmates. The mix of nationality is in part, at least, responsible for the fact that none of the children has any experience of racism and have been appalled when they have encountered it.

The acquisition of social skills and behaviour is not the only criterion by which a school is judged. As far as literacy and numeracy are concerned, the school also has an excellent record; and the quality of its musical training is widely admired. The staff show a dedication to their charges that may not be unique but is certainly well above many parents' expectations. There is one in particular (who would murder me were I to identify her) whose many gifts include the ability to raise each child's awareness of its own potential so that it leaves the school with a degree of self-confidence (but not arrogance).

If I seem to be singing the praises of one particular school somewhat loudly, it is because, although I have made many mistakes since my son was born, choosing his primary school was one of my better efforts.

There will be many wet eyes and lumpy throats at the school gates next week. The children will promise to keep in touch; make pacts to meet up at some pre-arranged time and place in the future; a few will go home together; all will be sad, because in the words of that corny old song, breaking up is so very hard to do.

Judy Froshaug

Outings

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: Moving performance presented by Path Productions, (Practical Arts and Theatre with the Handicapped) which shows just how unlimiting a handicap can be.
Jeanetta Cochrane Theatre, Southampton Row, London WC1 (242 7040). Tonight at 7.30pm, Tues-Sat at 8pm. Adult £3, child £1.50.

THE WOODLAND GOSPEL ACCORDING TO CAPTAIN BEAKY AND HIS BAND: The life of Jesus as explained to the woodland creatures by Captain Beaky and his band.
All Hallows by the Tower of London, Byward Street, London EC3 (236 2801). Today at 3pm, 7.30pm, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, July 28 at 3pm, 7.30pm. Adult £5, child £2.

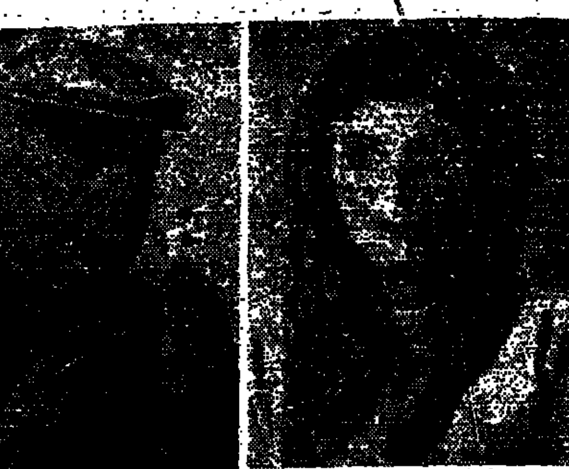
CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE WEEKEND: All the usual attractions of the Shire Horse Centre with parades of horses, farm walk and nature trail plus many child-orientated activities.
The Shire Horse Centre, Yealmpton, near Plymouth, Devon (0752 880268). Today and tomorrow, 10am-5pm. Adult £1.50, child £1.

BATTLE AT BOSWORTH: Mediaeval recreations include a live English Civil War battle, falconry and hawking.
Battlefield of Bosworth, Battlefield Centre, Ambion Hill Farm, Sutton Cheney, near Market Bosworth, Leicestershire (0455 290429). Tomorrow, 1pm-5pm. Adult £2, child 50p.

BUCKLER'S HARD VILLAGE FESTIVAL: Day of eighteenth century festivities in this picturesque "village".
Buckler's Hard, Beaulieu, Hampshire (059063 203). Tomorrow, 10.30am-6pm. Adult £1.50, child £1.

THE LAUGHING CAVALIER: Singing at its finest in this musical, performed by the King's College Choir School with choral scholars from the college itself.
University Music Schools, West Road, Cambridge. Tues-Fri at 7.30pm. Morning performances Wed and Thur at 11.30am. Adult £2.50, child £1. (Tickets from the Central Library, Lion Yard, or by post from The Secretary, King's College School, West Road, Cambridge).

THE WEEK



Portrait partners: William Roberts and his wife Sarah

Chronicle of a marriage

Galleries

William Roberts painted his wife Sarah once a year throughout their life together, and they were married for more than 60 years. He also painted himself, the two of them together and their son John many times. When Mrs Roberts approached Robin Gibson at the National Portrait Gallery recently, suggesting an exhibition of these portraits, he leapt at the chance. "It's a wonderful aspect of his work that people don't know about", he says.

Roberts is usually associated with vorticism, having been a member of that movement with Wyndham Lewis in 1914. From the mid-1920s he established a distinctive figurative style, his subjects tubular, somewhat like those of Fernand Léger, involved in delightful everyday scenes such as feeding the birds or boating on the lake.

The portraits in this exhibition demonstrate, in Gibson's words, Roberts's "psychological depth and simple humanity".

They include 14 of Sarah alone, dated from 1922 to 1971. All are of head and shoulders. "He thought the face of a person was enough", she says. "He didn't want to put people on *chaises-longues* and doing other things." Sometimes she is portrayed bare-headed, sometimes she wears a headscarf in bright colours, red and green, mauve and yellow, chosen by him.

On show are 19 self-portraits, with a more complex set of props. Sometimes Roberts shows himself with cards in his hand or a knotted handkerchief on his head. Often he appears as a man of the people, sporting cap and braces. There are also four on show of their only son, John, born in 1919.

Perhaps the most moving are the two double portraits of the artist and his wife, dated 1942-43 and 1975, in particular the latter where an elderly Sarah smiles out from under her headscarf while Roberts seems either to be looking at her affectionately, or contemplating a piece of paper they are holding. This paper is an enigma, says Sarah, who is now aged 83. "It is either a bill or a marriage certificate, but I never found out. He was not satisfied with the way he had painted me, and was planning to do something about it, but then he died." It was 1980.

Some of Roberts's self-portraits reveal a sombre side. He appears to glower out from the canvas. In fact, the face he turned to the world was often one of disaffection. He refused an OBE and a retrospective at the Royal Academy, and still felt his artistic merit had been neglected.

He published many pamphlets privately in which, for example, he objected to the fact that the painter must be a self-publicist to survive, and that the abstract artist tends to "drip, throw or trudge his paint on to a piece of cardboard or hardboard, and if this isn't fast enough . . . use a bicycle".

Sarah Jane Checkland

"William Roberts 1895-1980, An Artist and his Family" opens on Friday at the National Portrait Gallery, London WC2 (930 1552). Until Oct 7, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2pm-6pm.

Openings

HOME AND ABROAD: Showcase for more than 60 paintings, sculptures and photographs acquired by the Arts Council and British Council since 1980. The Arts Council collection now numbers 6,500. It spends about £100,000 a year, while the British Council is restricted to £30,000 – often spent wisely on such coups as Lucian Freud's "Naked Girl with Egg" and John Walker's "Red Strand Infanta", both of which are on show here.
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (402 6075). Opens today. Until Aug 27, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, weekends 10am-7pm.

IVOR ABRAHAMS: Major exhibition of sculpture, drawings and prints, planned for the Year of the Garden. A special feature is the new *large* bronze described as "innovative", entitled "The Gate".
Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Bretton Hall College, West Bretton, near Wakefield (092485 579). Opens today. Until Sept 17, 10am-6pm daily.

Selected

THE SCHOOL OF FERRARA
Matthiesen Fine Art, 7/8 Mason's Yard, Duke Street, St James's, London SW1 (930 2437). Until Aug 14, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm
This exhibition is of high-quality works from the north Italian city of Ferrara and includes paintings of religious and mythological subjects.

THE VENETIAN SCENE
The Fermoy Gallery, King's Lynn (0553 4725). Until Aug 4, 10am-5pm Mon-Sat (late opening 6.30-7.30pm today, Mon, Tues, Fri next week)
Paintings and drawings of Venice by eighteenth and nineteenth-century artists. Includes works by Canaletto and Guardi, Monet, Ruskin and Sickert.

THE HARD-WON IMAGE
The Tate Gallery (821 1313). Until Sept 9, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm
Figurative paintings since the 1960s. Includes works by Moore, Kitaj, Coldstream, and Auerbach.

Photography

TREES
The Photographers' Gallery, 5 and 8 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (240 1969). Until Aug 25, Tues-Sat 11am-7pm
A provocative show in number 5 which tackles head on some of the ecological problems arising from modern man's disregard for trees including a chilling series of black and white pictures showing the effects of acid rain in Europe. In number 8 trees are the subject of some beautiful protraits, of which the most successful are the photographs which attempt to convey the bizarre in nature by Axel Poignant.

FELIX MAN AND ERICH SALOMON
National Museum of Photography, Princes View, Bradford, West Yorkshire (0274 727488). Until Aug 19, Tues-Sat noon-8pm, Sun 2.30-6pm
Man began to take photographs with a box camera in Germany before the First World War. He was a prolific contributor to *Müncher Illustrierte* in the late 1920s and 1930s and went on to join *Weekly Illustrated* and *Picture Post* in this country. Salomon is considered the father of the candid photograph.

BRIDGE

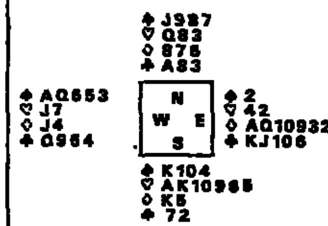
Breathless acclaim for a skilful pedant

"I think he's absolutely brilliant", gushed Doris Waterflow, finally drawing breath.

"I don't care a fig for his brilliance", said Charles Grandace, the club expert, who had grown increasingly impatient with Doris's eulogy of his main rival's talents. "Give me someone who can play capably and maintain his concentration, and you can have His Nibs's flair and the 1,100 penalties that go with it."

Charles immediately regretted his outspoken comment when he cut a deflated Doris against the amiable Dogberry and Horace Paradine, the mathematical pedant.

Rubber Bridge. Love all. Dealer South


North: ♠ J 9 8 7 ♥ Q 8 3 ♦ 8 7 6 ♣ A 8 3
West: ♠ A Q 6 5 3 ♥ J 7 ♦ J 4 ♣ Q 9 6 4
East: ♠ 2 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A Q 10 9 3 2 ♣ K J 10 6
South: ♠ K 10 4 ♥ A K 10 9 6 5 ♦ K 5 ♣ 7 2

W Waterflow	N Dogberry	E Grandace	S Paradine
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1♠	2♥	3♦	3♥
No	No	No	–

Opening lead ♦J

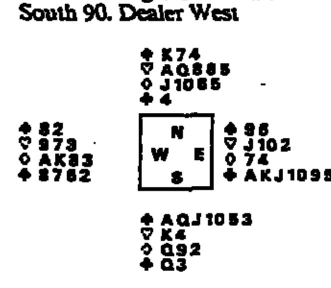
Charles won the first trick with the ♦A and naturally fired back his singleton spade, which Doris won with the ♠Q. A brief consultation of the ceiling provided the inspiration that Charles had a singleton spade. Doris triumphantly cashed the ♠A and gave Charles his ruff, to score the fourth and last trick for the defence.

"It's your deal, Doris", said Charles, interrupting his partner's account of the latest local gossip.

"We were rather fortunate there, partner", Paradine announced ponderously. "If the defence retains the Ace of spades and returns a low spade, they can establish a club before I obtain a discard."

"How silly of me not to think of that", said Doris meekly, "and how sweet of you, Charles, not to point it out. I really must concentrate, otherwise you will lose your confidence in me." Charles bit his lip. He was at his best in adversity.

Rubber Bridge. Love all. North-South 90. Dealer West


North: ♠ K 7 4 ♥ A Q 8 6 5 ♦ J 10 6 5 ♣ 4
West: ♠ 8 2 ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ A K 8 3 ♣ 8 7 6 2
East: ♠ 9 6 ♥ J 10 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ A K J 10 9 5
South: ♠ A Q J 10 5 3 ♥ K 4 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ Q 3

W Waterflow	N Dogberry	E Grandace	S Paradine
No	No	No	1♠
No	2♥	3♣	3♠
4♣	4♠	No	No
No	–	–	–

Opening lead ♣8

What did the experts say one should lead from four small? Doris wished she could remember. Surely the eight would be less misleading than the two. Charles took the ♣K and returned the ♦7 on which Paradine played the ♦9, losing to Doris's ♦K. Doris cashed the ♦A on which Paradine smoothly contributed the ♦Q. This time the ceiling proved a less reliable oracle. Doris switched to a heart "while she still had the chance".

"How could I tell that you had a doubleton diamond?" Doris inquired miserably. "You couldn't", Charles replied nobly, avoiding any stress on the pronoun.

"Perhaps the defence missed a tiny clue", interposed Paradine in his endearing manner. "If I had had three hearts I would have supported Dogberry. Although I must confess that at the score his choice of two hearts rather than two spades would not have been mine. Surely I could only have two clubs, otherwise Charles's intervention at the three level would have been on a five-card suit, which is unthinkable. If I had seven spades, the contract is secure, so it must be assumed that I had three diamonds."

"Didn't you have a hundred honours?" asked Doris. "Yes", said Paradine, "but what difference does that make?"

"You mean to say that with any three mouldy hearts you would have supported your partner and suppressed your hundred honours?"

"Of course", said Paradine.

"Oh Horace, you really are the sort of man who goes to Ascot and doesn't look at the hats."

Jeremy Flint

OUT AND ABOUT

Triumph of talent: (left to right) James Judd, Victoria and Peter Readman and some of the other founder members of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe

Harmony born on a honeymoon

For most of us a honeymoon is a happy but dimming memory. For Peter and Victoria Readman it is renewed almost every time they enter a concert hall, because it presaged the birth of what, after a mere three years of existence, has become one of the best chamber orchestras in the world, the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, which will be performing at the Barbican on Monday night.

Peter Readman was a passable schoolboy-standard horn player, and Victoria a more than passable pianist, but when they spent their honeymoon at the Salzburg Festival in 1981 neither of them could have dreamed that they were about to play an important part in establishing a new international orchestra.

While they were in Salzburg, an old friend, the conductor James Judd, assistant to Claudio Abbado at the European Community Youth Orchestra, invited them to dinner and presented them with an audacious proposal. A group of young players from the orchestra, all fast approaching its upper age limit of 23, wanted to find some way of staying together and capitalizing on their experience. The idea was to set up their own chamber orchestra, composed entirely of players in their twenties and drawn from all over Europe. As a friend of Abbado's with a considerable reputation in the City, and a former member of Denis Healey's "think tank", Peter Readman was an obvious choice to help with the business side of setting up the orchestra.

At first Readman rejected the idea, but he was persuaded to entertain it by Victoria, and on their return to London he sounded out possible sponsors. Predictably the reactions ranged from the pityingly dismissive to the ribald. However, by this time he himself had complete faith in the practicality of the scheme.

In May 1982 he took a gamble. He brought members of the embryo orchestra from The Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, France, Italy and all over Britain to London, where they rehearsed as they could and camped out on the floors and sofas of friends. He booked the Merchant Taylors' Hall in the City for their first concert, and invited a select audience of 300, many of whose arms were well worth twisting.

If that first Mozart concert, conducted by Judd and Abbado and with Bishop-Kovacevich as soloist, had not been an outright success the orchestra would have been still-born. As it was, no one who was present is ever likely to forget that night. The quality of the playing, and above all the enthusiasm of the players, carried all before them, and by the end of the party that followed £20,000 had been raised in donations and sponsorship.

A little over two years later it is hard to believe that the COE is so young, both in terms of its existence and the average age of the members, which is still only 24. They play together for six months each year, with a full schedule to 1986 taking in such major international events as the Rossini Festival at Pesaro, the City of London Festival, together with tours of Italy, Britain, Germany, Austria and, for the first time, the United States.

That first triumph has been repeated many times, most notably perhaps in Budapest last March, when not only Abbado, now the orchestra's artistic adviser, but also June Hall, the very professional general manager, who had come from the LSO, were in tears. The applause continued for half an hour after the last player had left the stage.



Good friend: Claudio Abbado conducting the COE on tour

The players now come from 12 countries. They have gone beyond the EEC and the latest recruits are from Austria and Hungary, with another Hungarian to come. The orchestra is largely self-governing by committee, and the players are guaranteed a salary of £400 per month from sponsorship, which is treated as an advance on performing and recording fees.

Because they work together for only half the year, they can not only be sure of the best engagements during that time, but also develop their careers as soloists or in groups outside it. Douglas Boyd, the Scottish oboist and a recent winner of the International Young Concert Artists' Competition in New York, points out that this may also help the players to avoid the debilitating effects of familiarity and advancing age: "If you play together all the time you can't keep up the intensity. For us every member is important, and each engagement is different."

Although most of the founders are still with the orchestra, the intense programme of travel will no doubt ensure that the average age does not rise too far; the onset of mortgages and children will lead to a natural wastage.

According to Pal Banda, the Hungarian cellist, the logistics of getting everyone together means that full rehearsals have to be kept to the minimum and that everybody is keyed up for performance. In time the COE may find a permanent rehearsal base, but immediately there is a recording of the Mozart Symphonies 40 and 41 for Decca and the Barbican on Monday night. The honeymoon continues.

Huon Mallalieu

The COE's concert is at the Barbican (628 8795) on Mon at 7.45pm. The programme consists of Dvorák's Serenade for Strings, Schumann's Piano Concerto in A minor (Vasary), and Mozart's Symphony No 38 "The Prague", conducted by Alexander Schneider.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 399)

Prizes of the New Collins Concise English dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, July 26, 1984. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, July 28, 1984.

ACROSS
1 Observation point (4,3,4)
9 Oak apple (7)
10 Margin (5)
11 Frozen water (3)
13 Reputation (4)
16 Seal (4)
17 Lap cloth (6)
18 Incite (4)
20 Cathedral administrator (4)
21 Squirm (6)
22 Stare lewdly (4)
23 Boat cockpit (4)
25 Teddy boy (3)
28 Striped big cat (5)
29 Clap (7)
30 Cockney saxifrage (6,5)

DOWN
2 Caulking fibre (5)
3 Chip (4)
4 Wrinkled W Indian fruit (4)
5 Surface (4)
6 Young pilchard (7)
7 Land's End opposite (4,1,6)
8 Chief actress (7,4)
12 Glazed fabric (6)
14 Conclusion (3)
15 Scanty (6)
19 Lively piece (7)
20 Night moisture (3)
24 Humped antelope (5)
25 Walked on (4)
26 Sunrise (4)
27 Box lightly (4)

SOLUTION TO No 398
ACROSS: 1 Airbus 5 Temper 8 Tor 9 Feeler 10 Uranus 11 Fire 12 Pastille 14 Cheese 17 Zephyr 19 Township 22 Zoom 24 Flexor 25 Inlaid 26 Ton 27 Amuses 28 Gurgle
DOWN: 2 Iceni 3 Believe 4 Strophe 5 Truss 6 Miami 7 Equally 13 Tee 15 Hoodlum 16 Sus 17 Zapping 18 Puzzler 20 Nexus 21 Hurts 23 Oriel

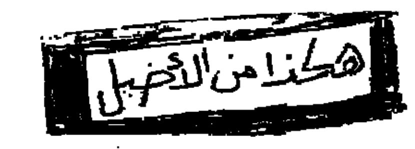
Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise

The winner of prize concise No 393 are: S. Hague, 84 Aire Road, Wetherby, West Yorkshire; and Mrs E. E. Roney, 11 Westerngate, Poole, Dorset.

SOLUTION TO No 393 (last Saturday's prize concise)
ACROSS: 1 Jaunting car 9 Acrylic 10 Swami 11 Ash 13 Near 16 Souk 17 Orange 18 Page 20 Heap 21 Phoebe 22 Ugly 23 Psst 25 But 28 Idler 29 Oil well 30 Head hunting
DOWN: 2 Atria 3 Null 4 Inca 5 Gush 6 Abalone 7 Saint Paulia 8 Lickspittle 12 Signet 14 Roe 15 Cachou 19 Galilee 20 Hep 24 Sheen 25 Bred 26 Tolu 27 Flit

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FILMS

THE WEEK

THEATRE



Old comrades: 'Bones' McCoy (DeForest Kelley) and Admiral Kirk (William Shatner) aboard the Enterprise

Distinctive features of the search for Spock

"Get rid of the guy with the funny ears", an NBC executive supposedly declared, viewing the trial run of *Star Trek* in 1966. "No way", replied Gene Roddenberry, the series' creator and producer. "Well, keep him in the background – way back!" Roddenberry also ignored this request – and the character of Mr Spock, the half-human science officer on the roving spaceship Enterprise – grew in importance as the series strengthened its grip on the audience.

People became intrigued by the ice-cold logic of Spock's mind, the page boy haircut, the displaced eyebrows, and the pointed ears. In time, one could buy the ears in shops, along with novels, dolls, lollipops, maps, and all the other merchandise generated by a cult phenomenon.

Mr Spock continued to exert a spell in the cinema adventures, launched in 1979, 10 years after the television series ended. At the climax of *Star Trek II – The Wrath of Khan* (1982), the character received fatal blasts of radiation, but, as Sherlock Holmes discovered earlier, death can be deceptive: *Star Trek III*, released in Britain next week, is enticingly sub-titled *The Search for Spock*. Spock is found, too, though his body and mind are in separate places, necessitating unification by High Priestess T'Lar.

Where has all this left Leonard Nimoy – Mr Spock's portrayer, and the director of *Star Trek III*? His autobiography bears the title *I Am Not Spock*. This is true enough; would the ultra-rational science officer mount a one-man stage production about Van Gogh, or co-produce a forgotten film version of Genet's play *Deathwatch?* But it is Spock's popularity that gave some of these projects the necessary support and who else should we thank for the record album *Leonard Nimoy Presents Mr Spock's Music from Outer Space?*

The *Star Trek* films are faced with a curious stylistic dilemma. Current cinema fashions demand lavish, immaculate, realistic special effects; in *The Search for Spock*, these are provided, yet to satisfy their audience of "Trekkies", the producers must also keep faith with the simpler style – and the personnel – of the original television series. Thus we find William Shatner, DeForest Kelley, and other veterans forced to don the fashions and haircuts of two decades ago.

Yet there is some acknowledgment of the passing years: during the course of *Star Trek III*, the ageing Enterprise is replaced by the Excelsior – a gleaming new spaceship, fuelled and ready for *Star Trek IV*.

Geoff Brown

Star Trek III – The Search for Spock (PG) opens in London on Fri at the Plaza Cinema (437 1234).

Openings

CHILDREN OF THE CORN (18): Modest horror film from a short story by Stephen King, about a community of vicious children in Nebraska who worship a deity of the cornfields. Directed by Fritz Kiersch; with Peter Horton, Linda Hamilton.
From Fri at the Studio Oxford Street (437 3300), Cinecenta Panton Street (930 0631).

CANNONBALL RUN II (PG): Unwise sequel to the 1981 car race comedy, with Burt Reynolds, Dom De Luise and a host of star guests racing across America in search of good jokes. Directed by Hal Needham.
From Fri at the Leicester Square Theatre (930 5252).

Selected

THE KING AND MR BIRD (U)
ICA Cinema (930 3647)
Paul Grimault and Jacques Prévert's delightful animated fable about freedom and repression, with a fetching cast of birds, beasts and tyrannical kings, plus a giant mechanical robot. Aspects have dated since the film's conception in 1946, but there are constant visual delights.

THE BEST OF NARUSE
National Film Theatre (928 3232)
This week's haul of films by the Japanese master Mikio Naruse includes some triumphs from the 1950s: *Floating Clouds* (tomorrow), a powerful story of obsessive love; *Sounds of the Mountain* which delicately explores domestic frustrations; and the richly detailed geisha drama *Flowing* (both Mon).

SUNDAY IN THE COUNTRY (PG)
Chelsea Cinema (351 3742)
An elderly academic painter's family come to visit one Sunday in the summer of 1912: cue for a meticulously beautiful film by Bertrand Tavernier (winner of the best director prize at Cannes). Death and disappointment pervade the scenes, giving a sharp edge to the pastoral prettiness.

AND THE SHIP SAILS ON (15)
Academy One, Oxford Street (437 2981)
All aboard the SS Federico Fellini for a symbolic ocean trip in the summer of 1914, with an assorted company of opera singers, politicians, Serbian peasants and anarchists, and one smelly rhinoceros. Partly brilliant, partly lame and strained.

The information in this column was correct at the time of going to press. Late changes are often made and it is advisable to check, using the telephone numbers given.

Radio

CAKE AND CHARITY: Margaret Howard talks to five clergymen's wives – one married to a bishop, another a divorcée – trying to discover what happened to the traditional figure in the floral dress and faded hat dispensing cake and charity. Are their expectations of married life different to those of the wives of other professional men?
Radio 4, today, 4.15-4.45pm.

ROUND BRITAIN QUIZ: The indestructible quiz show, described by one critic as "English beyond the wildest dreams of Wodehouse – and completely unintelligible" returns for a 12-week series. The resident team of Irene Thomas and Eric Korn pit their crossword-puzzle mentalities against such opponents as Peter Oppenheimer, Patrick Nuttgens and John Julius Norwich. Gordon Clough and Louis Allen put the questions.
Radio 4, Sun, 6.15-6.45pm.

Festivals

KING'S LYNN FESTIVAL: The Fermoy Centre, a group of medieval buildings around a courtyard, is the beautiful setting for the thirty-fourth festival. Venice is the umbrella theme this year, with two exhibitions of paintings and another of stringed instrument makers. Venetian music, ranging from the rarely heard to the familiar, includes a programme for voices and brass on Mon in St Nicholas's Church at 8pm, and Gillian Weir's organ recital on Tues in Hillingham Church at 4pm.
The Fermoy Centre, King Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk (0553 3578).

AFRICA, AFRICA: Performers from six Commonwealth countries – Ghana, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Tanzania and The Gambia – play their music in costume on traditional instruments at the African Music Village, part of a year-long festival. Some of the instruments are very unusual, like The Gambia's harp-like *kora* and wooden xylophone. Concerts, workshops and talks in Holland Park, London W11, Mon-Sat, 11am-4pm; concerts Tues-Fri at 7.30pm (tickets on the door). Until Aug 4. Concerts on river trips tomorrow and July 29, 6-10pm from Tower Pier, Lower Thames Street, London EC3 (telephone 836 0564 for bookings).
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 (603 4535).

Other festivals include: **Piccadilly Festivities**, St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 0956/5244), until July 28; **Buxton Festival**, Opera House, Buxton, Derbyshire (0298 71010/78939), July 28-Aug 12; **Cambridge Festival**, The Central Library, Lion Yard, Cambridge (0223 357851), until July 29; **Harrogate International Festival**, Royal Baths, Harrogate, North Yorkshire (0423 65757), July 31-Aug 15.



Commonwealth tradition: A Gambian plays the kora (Festivals)

Sport

THE OPEN: The British Open Golf Championship reaches its climax at St Andrews this weekend, with the third round being played today and the final round tomorrow. Television coverage starts on BBC1 today at 3.05pm and on BBC2 tomorrow from 1.55pm.

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Bob Willis, in his last season, leads Warwickshire against Lancashire in the final of cricket's 55-over competition at Lord's. The match starts at 11am today and is being covered on BBC1 and BBC2; there is also ball-by-ball commentary on Radio 3 medium wave.

BRITISH GRAND PRIX: The tenth round of the motor racing world championship is being staged at Brands Hatch tomorrow with home supporters hoping for a first British win there since Jim Clark's 20 years ago. Hopes rest with Nigel Mansell (Lotus) and Derek Warwick (Renault) who have both been going well this season without seriously challenging the leaders, Alain Prost (34½ points), Niki Lauda (24) and Elio de Angelis (23½). The race starts at 2.45pm and there is uninterrupted live coverage on BBC1.

FOURTH TEST: Having lost the series 3-0, David Gower and his England team take on the West Indies at Old Trafford, Manchester, with the melancholy task of trying to stop Clive Lloyd's men making a clean sweep of the five-match rubber. The match starts on Thurs at 11am and play can be followed on BBC1 and BBC2, with the usual ball-by-ball commentary on Radio 3 medium wave.

Auctions

SUMMER SPORTS: Antique accoutrements for golfing and fishing are offered at Sotheby's on Tues. Among the items of special interest are a late eighteenth-century golfing iron and a Thomas Morris feathery golf ball of around 1840.
Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (493 8080). Viewing Mon 9am-4.30pm. Sale Tues at 10.30am.

SILVER HOARD: Silver wedding anniversaries are lavishly catered for in a sale of silver boxes and collectors' items at Phillips on Wed. It begins with corkscrews – up to £1,000 is estimated for a superb George III Irish example – and ranges through cigarette and card cases, boxes, scent bottles, wine labels, nutmeg graters, caddy spoons, toys and vinaigrettes. On the same day there is a sale of miniatures, silhouettes and icons, with a 1650 miniature of the boy Richard Cromwell by Samuel Cooper starring at an estimated £6,000.
Phillips, 7 Blenheim Street, London W1 (629 6602). Viewing of both sales Mon and Tues 9am-4.30pm, Wed 9-10.30am. Sales: Silver Wed at 11am, miniatures Wed at 2pm.

TELEVISION

Programme choice

BEYOND THE MOON: It was on July 21, 1969, that Neil Armstrong became the first man to set foot upon the moon. In a fifteenth anniversary programme *Horizon* recalls the momentous event through contemporary radio and television coverage and looks forward to the new era of space exploration, including President Reagan's commitment to build a permanently manned space station in earth orbit.
BBC2, today, 7.45-8.50pm.

THE GROUNDLING AND THE KITE: Peter, schoolteacher and amateur song writer, is given the chance to break into the music business by flat-mate, Jimmy; but he is reluctant to make the necessary compromises and the relationship comes under strain. This perceptive *Play For Today* is by Leonard Preston, who also wrote the music and lyrics and plays Peter; John Duttine is Jimmy.
BBC1, Tues, 9.25-10.25pm.

BLOWOUT: Phyllis Logan, the award-winning actress from the film, *Another Time, Another Place*, and Martin Muchan, play the young marrieds having to adjust to unemployment in the third of the drama series, *The End of the Line*, set in a Scottish new town. Tom McGrath's nicely understated script has Pete, nine months on the dole, trying to sink his troubles in drink, while his wife looks for a job in a new cocktail bar.
BBC1, Wed, 10.20-11.10pm.

CUBA: Six-part documentary series charting 25 years of Fidel Castro's socialist revolution. Among its achievements are an excellent health service, free apart from the cost of medicines, and one of the best literacy rates in the world – more than 96 per cent of the population. On the debit side, although more people can read, what they read is strictly controlled; and Cubans cannot move their home or job without official permission. The programmes are produced and directed by Frank Hayes and narrated by Julien Pettifer.
All ITV regions, Thurs, 9.30-10pm.

WOMEN OF OUR CENTURY: The latest subject is Paule Vezeley, the abstract painter who was ignored by the British art establishment for most of her life and had to wait until she was 91 for the Tate Gallery to hold a retrospective exhibition. In an interview with Germaine Greer recorded a few months before her death in January, Paule Vezeley looks back on her formative years in Paris in the 1920s and explains the obsession in her work with "the line".
BBC2, Fri, 9.25-10.05pm.

Precarious pair: Murray Head and Glenda Jackson, two sides of a triangle in John Schlesinger's Sunday, Bloody Sunday

Films on TV

John Schlesinger has been a difficult director to assess, partly because he puts so little of himself into his work, but also because for so long he appeared to be a cultural opportunist content to follow a contemporary vogue.

In 1971, when censorship had relaxed sufficiently to permit the more or less explicit treatment of homosexuality on the screen and Schlesinger came up with *Sunday, Bloody Sunday* (BBC2, today, 9.10-10.55pm), it seemed that once again he was jumping on a fashionable bandwagon.

Here was a story a tabloid newspaper would give its front page for: a homosexual relationship, a heterosexual one thrown in for good measure and the same young man involved in both. But it is a tribute to Schlesinger's judgment and control that the film is never the sexploiter that its theme might suggest.

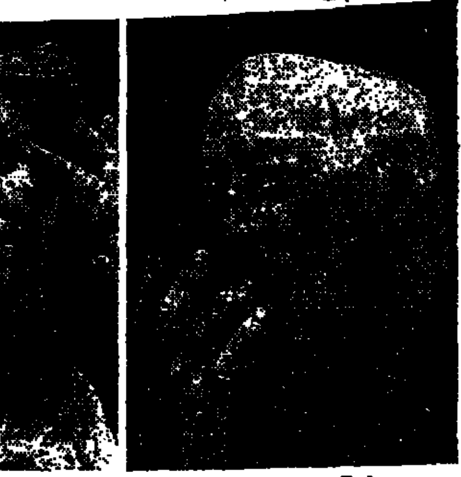
Peter Finch, who seemed to get better and better as his career went on, plays Daniel, a middle-aged Jewish doctor, and Glenda Jackson is Alex, a divorcée in her thirties. Murray Head is the young artist who loves them both but realizes that the triangle is precarious and decides to test it.

Three fine performances are anchored by Penelope Gilliatt's perceptive screenplay.

Peter Waymark

Also recommended
Get Cracking (1942): Amiable George Formby comedy, poking fun at the Home Guard a generation before television did it with *Dad's Army*; a young Dinah Sheridan in support (Channel 4, today, 2.30-4.20pm).
Jeremiah Johnson (1972): Robert Redford as the ex-soldier turning his back on civilization and making for the mountains.
(BBC1, today, 11.10pm-12.55am).
The Petrified Forest (1936): Humphrey Bogart in his first starring role as the gangster, Duke Mantee, crossing paths with Leslie Howard's disillusioned writer; dramatically stodgy but an interesting period piece (BBC1, Mon, 2.45-4.05pm).
Alien (1979): A monster from another planet gets among the crew of a spaceship, killing the astronauts one by one; Tom Skerritt and Sigourney Weaver lead the resistance (all ITV regions, Wed, 10.30pm-12.40am).

Stephen Macmillan



Stage hands: Joanna McCallum as Portia and Alec Guinness as Shylock in the Merchant of Venice at Chichester

Openings

AMERICAN BUFFALO: Cinema star Al Pacino repeats his Broadway role as one of three small-time crooks in a junkshop planning a robbery. With J. J. Johnston, Bruce MacVittie, directed by Arvin Brown. David Mamet's play was seen in 1978 at the National Theatre, where his Pulitzer Prize-winning *Glengarry Glen Ross* is still in the repertoire.
Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (836 5122). Previews Fri at 8pm, July 28 at 4pm and 8pm, July 30, 31 and Aug 1 at 8pm. Opens Aug 2 at 7pm. Until Sept 8, Tues-Sat at 8pm; matinées Sat at 4pm. Extra performances Aug 13, 27 at 8pm and Aug 9, 23 and Sept 6 at 3pm.

42ND STREET: The music is by Harry Warren, lyrics by Al Dubin, book by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble in this Tony Award-winning musical, featuring such songs as "Lullaby of Broadway", "We're in the Money: "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" and the title song. Lucia Victor is staging it, and the choreographers are Karin Baker and Randy Skinner. Tap dance routines are a major attraction of the show, whose principals are Georgia Brown, Margaret Courtenay, Clare Leach, James Laurenson and Michael Howe. There is a 42-strong chorus.
Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, Catherine Street, London WC2 (836 8108). Previews from Thurs at 8pm: Mon-Fri at 8pm; Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinées Wed at 3pm. Opens Aug 8 at 7pm. Then at same times as previews.

A LITTLE LIKE DROWNING: This poignant drama marks the London début of promising young playwright Anthony Minghella. It traces the fortunes and misfortunes of an Italian family living in England, from the 1920s to the present, through the eyes of the grandmother (Constance Chapman). Directed by John Dove, with Morag Hood, Alfred Molina, Susan Tully, and Valerie Whittington.
Hampstead Theatre Club, Swiss Cottage Centre, London NW3 (722 9301). Previews today, Mon-Wed at 8pm. Opens Thurs at 7pm, until Aug 18, Mon-Sat at 8pm; matinées Sat at 4.30pm.

Selected

PACK OF LIES
Lyric (437 3686). Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinées Wed at 3pm
Hugh Whitemore's powerful study of a decent couple whose quiet suburban life is destroyed by a Kroger-style spy case. Mary Miller has replaced Judi Dench, Michael Williams remains. There are more cast changes at the beginning of August.

PASSION PLAY
Wyndham's (836 3028). Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinées Wed at 3pm
Surely the best comedy in London. Witty, sad and dazzlingly intricate, Peter Nichols's award-winning 1981 play about unwilling adultery now stars Leslie Phillips and Judy Parfitt, with Barry Foster and Zena Walker offering advice and reproach as their identically dressed inner selves.

PROGRESS
Bush Theatre, Shepherds Bush Green, London W12 (743 3388. Tues-Sun at 8pm
Doug Lucie's satirical portrait of relationships going awry in liberated West Hampstead household is savagely accurate, raising almost continuous laughter but leaving some bitter conclusions behind.

SAINT JOAN
Olivier (928 2252). Today at 2pm and 7.15pm, Mon and Tues at 7.15pm. In repertory
In Ronald Eyre's spectacular production, Shaw's great play fills epically this vast auditorium without ever quite stilling the doubts it always raises. Strong cast, led by Frances de la Tour's gritty, rustic visionary.

THE THIRD AND FINAL ROUND
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, London E1 (790 4000). Mon-Sat at 8pm
Now transformed into a boxing club with ring and bar (usable in the interval), the Half Moon scores a big hit with this fast, chilling and immensely enjoyable slice of East End life: blackmail among the big sharks, loveless marriages and thrilling three-round bouts.

Out of Town

CAMBRIDGE: Arts Theatre, St Edwards Passage (0223 352000). Back to Methuselah by George Bernard Shaw. Until July 28. Tues-Sat at 8pm; matinées today and July 28 at 4.30pm
Five plays, presented as two bills of three and two, designed to be seen in sequence but enjoyable as separate works. The plays tell the story of the world, from the Garden of Eden to 31920AD. Bill Pryde directs.

CHICHESTER: Oh Kay! by George and Ira Gershwin and P. G. Wodehouse. Final performance today at 2.30pm and 7.30pm
Jane Carr, Michael Siberry, Geoffrey Hutchings, Josephine Blake, Myra Sands, Jeremy Hawk in a 1926 musical.
The Merchant of Venice. Wed-Fri at 7.30pm. In repertory
Patrick Garland directs Alec Guinness, Joanna McCallum.

STRATFORD: Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). The Merchant of Venice. Today at 1.30pm, Wed at 7.30pm, Thurs at 1.30pm. In repertory
New production, directed by John Caird.
Henry V. Today, Thurs, Fri at 7.30pm. In repertory
Kenneth Branagh, with Bernard Horsfall, Brian Blessed.
Richard III. Mon and Tues at 7.30pm. In repertory
Anthony Sher in the title role, with Patricia Routledge, Brian Blessed, Christopher Ravenscroft.
The Other Place (0789 295623). A Midsummer Night's Dream. Thurs at 7.30pm, final performance Fri at 7.30pm.
Sheila Hancock directs Roger Allam, Penny Downie, David Whitaker, Philip Jackson.
Golden Girls by Louise Page. Mon and Tues at 7.30pm. In repertory
Premiere production of play about aspiring Olympic athletes.
Romeo and Juliet. Today at 7.30pm. In repertory
John Caird directs Amanda Root, Simon Templeman, Roger Allan.

CONCERTS

WIGMORE HALL FINALE
Tomorrow, 11.30am, Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (935 2141, credit cards 741 9999)
The last concert of the Wigmore season is given by the Nash Ensemble, who juxtapose Ravel's Introduction and Allegro with a Fantaisie of Saint-Saëns and Mozart's Clarinet Quintet. Operations will recommence on Sept 1: watch this space.

DIGITAL MOONSCAPES
Tomorrow, 3pm, Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (748 3354)
The Electro-Acoustical Music Association has arranged the world premieres of Carlos's *Digital Moonscapes*, Parker's *Aerobatics I and II*, and the London premiere of Heifetz's *Daggers Drawn*.

BRITISH CONCERTOS
Tomorrow, 3pm, Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford (0865 864056)
The Southern Pro Arte Orchestra in Howard Ferguson's Piano Concerto (Alan Schiller, soloist), Leighton's *Veris Gratia*, Howells's Concerto for Strings, Warlock's Serenade and the world premiere of Ridout's Guitar Concerto (soloist, Michael Conn). Christopher Finzi conducts.

VIVALDI
Tomorrow, 7.30pm, St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (222 1061)
I Nuovi Virtuosi di Roma present a Vivaldi programme with a harpsichord concerto, a cello concerto, a concerto for two violins, all in A major, and *The Seasons*. Angelo Stefanato conducts.

BRASS WITH BLUES
Tomorrow, 7.30pm, Guildhall School of Music, Silk Street, London EC2 (238 2801)
The Grimethorpe Colliery Band conducted by Elgar Howarth gives the London premiere of Tippett's *Festal Brass with Blues*.

NEW DICKINSON
Tomorrow, 8pm, Town Hall, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (0242 523 690)
Howard Shelley is the soloist in the world premiere of Peter Dickinson's Piano Concerto. Edward Downes also conducts the Philharmonia in Holst and Elgar.

MASK OF TIME
Mon, 7pm, Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (589 8212, credit cards 589 9465)
The European premiere of Tippett's ten-movement, concert-long *Mask of Time* is given by the BBC Singers, Symphony Chorus and Orchestra with soloists Faye Robinson, Felicity Palmer, Kenneth Riegel and John Cheek. Andrew Davis conducts. The piece is concerned with the evolution of the world and mankind, relationships between man and time, and so on. The concert is broadcast live on Radio 3.

SUMMER SONG
Tues, 1.10pm, St Vedast-alias-Foster, Foster Lane, London EC2 (235 1824)
The Grosvenor Chamber Players give the British premiere of David Chaitkin's *Summer Song*, following it with Goehr's Suite Op 11 and Stravinsky's marvellous Symphonies of Wind Instruments in Memory of Debussy.

BAX
Tues, 7.30pm, Royal Albert Hall
Under Raymond Leppard the BBC Philharmonic perform Delius's *Walk to the Paradise Garden*, Maw's Scenes and Arias, and – praise be – Bax's Symphony No 5.

SOLOS, DUOS, TRIOS
Thurs, 7.30pm, British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (499 8567)
Stravinsky's Pieces for Clarinet, Pawlu Grech's Duo, Bartók's *Contrasts* and Erber's *Night Music* are variously played by Philip Edwards (clarinet), Stuart Deeks (violin) and George Nicholson (piano). Admission free.

ORIGINAL MUSSORGSKY
Thurs, 7.30pm, Royal Albert Hall
The original version of Mussorgsky's *St John's Night on the Bare Mountain* gets a rare hearing from the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Marek Janowski.

DANCE

FESTIVAL BALLET
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (580 9562). Opens Mon, until Aug 4. Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinées Sat and Aug 2 at 3pm
Marcia Haydée is guest star for the opening production, *Onegin*, on Mon and Wed; Renata Calderini dances on Tues and Patricia Ruanne on Thurs. On Fri, *Giselle*.

ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (278 8916). Mon until July 28 at 7.30pm, matinée July 28 at 2.30pm
There is outstanding talent among this year's student dancers. The programme varies almost daily, but highlights should be the classic *Aurora's Wedding* on Mon – Wed and July 28 evening; a production of Ashton's *Pas de Légumes* on Wed – July 28, and a new ballet by Royal Ballet dancer Ashley Page on Wed, Thurs and July 28 matinée. Folk dances, a work by Wayne Eagling and *Children's Dances* – complete the repertory.

ROCK & JAZZ

CHANGE
Tonight, Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (748 4080)
Fifty years ago, Bessie Smith demanded a pigfoot and a bottle of beer while one of her lesser contemporaries boasted that she had "Ford engine movements in my hips". Now, if you please, the girl with Change is singing about her "female sensitivity".

ART BLAKEY
Tonight, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (439 0747)
The last chance to hear the professor of jazz's most illustrious college of musical knowledge during his present visit.

STATUS QUO
Today, Milton Keynes Bowl, Northamptonshire (0908 604441)
The champions of long-distance boogie claim that this will be their final appearance, so the encores will probably go on until dawn.

DAVE SANBORN
Tonight, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3191)
A favourite with the jazz-funk audience, the alto saxophonist Sanborn is also known for his work with such diverse leaders as Gil Evans and Paul Simon.

BLOOMSBURY FESTIVAL
From tomorrow, Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC1 (387 9629)
Eclectic is probably the word. To open the proceedings tomorrow, Michael Nyman leads his band through music written for Peter Greenaway's films – principally for *The Draughtman's Contract* but also for *Making a Splash*, about the British Olympic swimming team, recently shown on Channel 4. Mon: Shusha performs one of her pleasant east-meets-west recitals; Thurs and Fri: Peter Hammill, once of Van Der Graaf Generator.

PAUL BUTTERFIELD
Mon, Dingwalls, Camden Lock, London NW1 (267 4967)
The white singer and harmonica-player whose rise in the middle 1960s gave the American blues revival its equivalent of John Mayall is rarely sighted these days.

JAMES BLOOD ULMER
Mon, The Venue, 160 Victoria Street, London SW1 (828 9441)
Never easy listening, but the effort is worth it since Ulmer, a guitarist from Arkansas, is among the world's most challenging and provocative musicians, poised tantalizingly between the most ancient music and the most modern.

BOBBY McFERRIN
Mon to Wed, Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 (388 1394); Thurs, Albany Empire, Douglas Way, London SE8 (691 3333)
Like Lambert, Hendricks and Ross in an earlier era, Bobby McFerrin takes the techniques of recent jazz and vocalizes them – to the delight of a wide audience, which relishes the sleight of tongue.

ROGER McGUINN
Tues and Wed, Dingwalls, Camden Lock, London NW1 (267 4967)
A pair of granny specs, a 12-string Rickenbacker and a song by Bob Dylan were a potent combination in 1965, and McGuinn's Byrds stayed around to make a lasting contribution to rock music. His shows at the Venue a few years ago with fellow Byrds Chris Hillman and Gene Clark were unutterably dreary, but his new band, unpromisingly called the Peaceseekers, contains Gene Parsons and Skip Battin, who were both with him at the time of "Chestnut Mare", and Sneeky Pete Kleinow, the fine steel-guitarist and founder member of the Flying Burrito Brothers.

ELLA & NELSON
Thurs to Sat, Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London W1 (629 5852)
This is probably the way to see and hear Miss Fitzgerald nowadays, cossetted and encouraged by Mr Riddle's peerless orchestral arrangements. His ministrations, and the sheer splendour of the event (tickets from £45 to £100, supper included), should ease away the signs of strain sometimes apparent when she has only a rhythm section to support her.

DOLLAR BRAND
Fri, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3191)
The South African pianist is now a regular visitor, but this will be something special. He is bringing a septet, including the saxophonists Ricky Ford, Carlos Ward and Charles Davis, with Cecil McBee on bass and Ben Riley on drums, to play orchestrated versions of his townships' hymns and dances.

OPERA

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 812411)
Tonight, the last *Cosi fan tutte* of the season, then a choice between *Arabella* (Sun, Tues, July 28) and *Figaro* (Mon, Wed, July 29). *Arabella* is Glyndebourne's first, and just the "lyrical comedy" Strauss intended it to be.

THE RATEPAYERS' IOLANTHE
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank (928 3191). Previews Tues at 7.45pm; opens Wed at 7.45pm, Thurs at 7pm; then until Aug 11, Mon-Sat at 7.45pm; matinée Sat at 3pm.
With its iron maiden Fairy Queen, alias Margaret Thatcher, and Red Strephon a thinly-disguised Ken Livingstone, this production has its cast battling to inherit the estate of the Greater London Council.

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THE ARTS

Cheltenham Festival

A stirring in calm waters



Sophie Baker

Jerzy Maksymiuk: a break in the culture package with a high-strung *Serenade*

The earth tremor which rolled me gently out of bed to greet another morning of Pump Room pleasantry gave the Cheltenham Festival audiences something to talk about in a year of the palpable calm of non-event.

There were, it is true, murmurings earlier in the week when Jerzy Maksymiuk led the Polish Chamber Orchestra and Elgar something of a dance in a sprightly, highly strung and entirely engaging performance of the *Serenade for Strings*: this, after all, *was* considered to be the time and the place for due reverence, deference even. Otherwise, the sunny Regency temples of health and learning have given little cause for alarm: the Cotswold culture package has come with many a safe insurance cover.

Homage having been paid in the first week, and in the two major orchestral concerts, to Delius, Elgar and Holst, the second week focused on festival commissions and first performances. Unlike John Tavener's *Ikon of Light* in Tewkesbury Abbey, of which I wrote some days ago, each one has had to stand or fall on its merits, with no atmospheric amphetamine – and for the most part they have managed only a semi-recumbent position.

Michael Berkeley's 15-minute, two-movement, Horn Concerto, which we heard on Tuesday night, is clearly inspired as much by the Polish Chamber Orchestra's distinctive performing style as by the artistry of its performer and dedicatee, Michael Thompson.

Indeed, the work's main shortcoming, particularly in the first "Malizioso" movement, is that the frequent division of the 19 players into almost as many solo lines, and the vigour of their writing threatens to make the horn almost redundant. Even the "cadenza" – is for the strings.

In the second "Melancolia" movement, however, the horn gets its own back, and in a none too subtle way. Superimposing notes from the Last Post on the chorale from the Matthew Passion, it plods its way through a blurred-lens collage (think of the end film score in *Cabaret*, rather than of Berg's Violin Concerto).

A more vigorously thought-through imagination was at work in Martin Butler's String Quartet No 2, another festival commission and played on Monday in the Pittville Pump Room by the Brodsky Quartet in their second festival recital. The barking *arco* and pizzicato fragments, which turn into ever more strongly interlocked angles, provide the momentum for a continuous triptych of unpredictable and irristible logic.

The work is a study in the three-to-one relationship, with the cello ostensibly prime mover: development of tension moves from confrontation to combat to conciliation by a process of compelling metamorphosis.

On Thursday morning, after the earthquake, the still small voice of the festival's president Peter Racine Fricker and his third quartet, given its first performance by the Chilingirian Quartet. Completed in 1976 and dedicated to Elliott Carter it is, within spare means, a work of firm and unified purpose and often beguiling idea.

Its central still point is a melancholy attempt at ascent in the violins, earthed and finally grounded by trilling chords from below: its last and fifth movement discusses and distils material seductively set forth by viola and tingling scalic accompanists in the opening rhapsody, and restlessly exercised in the two contrasting scherzos.

Fricker's new *Madrigals for Brass Quintet* will be heard tonight in a concert which also included a welcome re-run of Maxwell Davies's Brass Quintet.

Then, in among the musical bedding plants and the programme sellers' pink-ribboned boaters, stepped the Kings Singers, filling the Town Hall on Thursday night with a programme of songs from the 1890s, the 1920s, from Spain, Italy and Elizabethan England – and with the long-delayed first performance, in ancient Greek of James Wood's *Drama*.

Based on passages from Aristophanes' *The Birds*, it is a cunning, aurally astute synthesis of Greek choric and oratorical method, Gamelan-like "accompaniment", and the individual and corporate talents of the singers.

Part bird, part human, part puppet, they move speedily from speech to speechsong, nervousness to nobility. It is a linguistic and imaginative tour de force; absorbing, timelessly apposite in its satire and, at last, great festive fun.

Hilary Finch

Theatre

Farce thinking on a theme



Donald Cooper

Ian McKellen's Platonov: sinking deeper into the quagmire

Last seen on the London stage in 1960 under the title of *Platonov*, Chekhov's first play is still treated as something of an embarrassment even by the most ardent Chekhovians. Those who spring to its defence generally do so only to recommend it as a source of his mature themes.

Perhaps because I have never sampled the full six-hour version, I am puzzled by this attitude, as I fell in love with the piece at first sight and have relished it even when performed in Dutch. To recommend it because it happens to include a lazy provincial doctor, a suicidal wife in a plot turning on the loss of a country estate gets things precisely the wrong way round. The *Untitled Play* is fascinating not for its forecast of what Chekhov became, but for its glimpse of what he might have been: a master farceur, executing pratfalls with knives and revolvers instead of banana skins.

Michael Frayn has already proved himself Chekhov's best English friend since Constance Garnett, and is superbly equipped to introduce this unexplored side of the author to audiences with their handkerchiefs at the ready.

Some of the liberties he has taken verge on the extreme. I see no reason to reprieve the hero from his mistress's gun only to send him to death under a passing train. And I miss the doctor's sad farewell line: "Who am I going to drink with at your funeral?" However, both examples arise from Frayn's sense of comic thrift, and his impulse to bring the action into precise focus, even if it means redistributing speeches to get punchlines in the right place.

Among its previous incarnations, the piece has appeared as *Don Juan in the Russian Manner*, and that gets things about right. *Platonov* is a study of a type frequently anatomized in Chekhov's letters: the fiery young reformer who goes off the boil in his early thirties and thereafter ekes out a purposeless life in apathy and guilt.

This particular hero, celebrated among his early friends as a second Byron before subsiding into the life of a local schoolmaster, has alternative powers as an irresistible lover. Beginning with a summer party among a throng of guests even more defeated than himself, Platonov makes his star entry as a scourge of Russia's moral ailments while simultaneously getting sexually entangled with every women in sight. The remainder of the play shows him sinking deeper and deeper into the erotic quagmire and changing from a bewitching honey-tongued dandy into an unshaven wreck with no will of his own, longing for someone to put an end to the whole wretched game.

This decline is marvellously inscribed in John Gunter's settings, opening with a spellbinding *fete-champêtre*, affording reverse views of an estate with statuary growing out of waist-high vegetation, and figures chasing each other to the full-depths of the stage in overlapping scenes which culminate in a firework display.

Frayn displaces Platonov from the title, and I think this is right, partly because the play's most insistent quality is its air of alcoholic midsummer madness, and partly because the character of the landowner, Anna Petrovna has an equal claim as the dominant figure. A forceful emancipated woman who has nothing to do in her life, she conducts her affair with a power and independence as free from theatrical stereotype as Platonov himself. Charlotte Cornwell plays her with an authority and vitality that light up the stage.

Ian McKellen's Platonov excels, partly through his volatile contrast with the surrounding company. Switching in an instant from moral denunciation to teasing, and from high-minded restraint to reckless seduction, his reactions are always two steps ahead of one's expectations.

"I'm not going out again, it's raining," he announces glumly, just after escaping death at the hands of a knife-brandishing bandit.

Christopher Morahan's supporting company presents a gallery of rural life of novel-like density, particularly Brewster Mason's affectionately decayed old Colonel, and Basil Henson as Anna's 'moneybags' suitor.

Television

Custard pies are always tiresome

There are as many successful styles of television interview as there are interviewers: the matador method practiced by Robin Day, which uses merciless goading to madden the beast; the juggling act performed by Bernard Levin, who tosses bright ideas in the air and watches them sparkle before catching them again; and Melvyn Bragg sets out as if to trade with primitive tribesmen, bartering brightly coloured compliments for self-disclosure.

Last night in **Women of the Century** (BBC2) Ms Ann Clwyd, MP, and Baroness Wootton of Abinger gave an unhappy demonstration of the interview as a custard-pie fight. This style demands that the interviewer (Ms Clwyd) park a flat statement square in the subject's face, and the subject (Baroness Wootton) respond by grinding disapproval over the attacker's nose. Both parties are thus left looking foolish, and the viewer is led to believe that this is their normal appearance.

"I wish you would stop generalizing about me – do not use the word 'always', drop it from your vocabulary", commanded the veteran of four Royal Commissions irritably. She commanded in vain. "You have always been an agnostic . . ." continued Ms Clwyd.

A more sensitive producer might have taken the trouble to reshoot some of the questions, or edit the programme more tactfully. As it was, the subject seemed to be hamming Lady Bracknell and the interviewer had all the authority of a schoolgirl.

The pity of this uncomfortable encounter was that the venerable Baroness was wearied into repelling most of the questions with emotional quibbling and no suggestion of her intellectual ability was made beyond the bald recitation of her achievements. Whatever Ms Clwyd suggested she had always been – agnostic, economist, social scientist or "champion of the possible" – was treated as a tiresome accusation.

The custard-pie interview is often seen on *Gardener's World*, which may be excused on the grounds that too great a show of technical skill might undermine the credibility of people of the soil. *Women of our Century* is, however, a series bred out of the strain of feminist reasoning which holds that anything achieved by any woman is of supreme significance.

Lest this logic be suspected, the titles are run past a ridiculous dressing-table still-life of a posy of flowers, a sepia picture of the subject and a ritual object – in this case the peeress's robes. A little of her intellectual rigour in the series's conception would have made the exercise a great deal more worthwhile.

Celia Brayfield

David Wade's weekly radio column has been held over because of pressure of space.

Concert

RPO/Groves

Royal Academy of Arts

It was indeed a mixed bag that ended the current season of Youth and Music Cushion Concerts, held as usual amid the cheerful surroundings of the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition.

The most eye-catching work on the programme was Andrzej Panufnik's Concertino for timpani, percussion and strings, in which the composer himself conducted the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and its two appropriate and excellent principals, Michael Baker and Nicholas Cole.

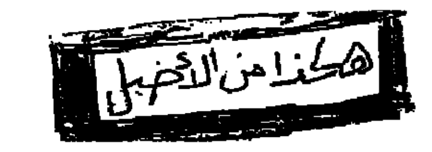
Written as a test piece for the Shell-LSO competition in 1980, the Concertino has already established itself as an essential part of the percussionist's repertoire. It is easy to see why, for as well as providing 20 minutes or so of easy but never boring listening, it demands of its soloists a high degree of technical accomplishment, though without too many complexities of rhythm.

Control of dynamic and of articulation is crucial, and nowhere more so than in the central third movement, Intermezzo, where the soloists exchange roles in a tricky repartee of tuned drums, played by the percussionist, and triangles and suspended cymbals, played by the timpanist.

But the most attractive movement is the fourth, called Canto II. Here Panufnik is in his element, providing atmospheric music through the use of sustained strings under the shimmering sounds of vibraphone and glockenspiel and eerie timpani glissandos, before the frenetic finale transports us to the quickfire antiphony of a cadenza for drums and timpani.

Before this, we heard a reading under the direction of Sir Charles Groves of Vaughan Williams's *Fantasia on a theme of Thomas Tallis* which just failed to attain its proper degree of ethereality partly because of the thickness of string sound encouraged by the gallery's resonance. And to end, a slightly disappointing account of Mozart's Symphony No 40, in which details of articulation had obviously not been thought about too much.

Stephen Pettitt



THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

A minor miracle next month, please

On the face of it, last night's package of higher interest rates on National Savings belies, ever so slightly, the Chancellor's confident assertions that the recent rise in interest rates would be short-lived. The rate changes will be phased in over six weeks starting today.

From early September, the Department of National Savings is to push up its rates on income bonds from 10 per cent to 12.75 per cent. In between, interest rates on investment accounts go up from 9.25 per cent to 12 per cent (July 31) while a new 28th issue certificate goes on sale on August 8, offering a guaranteed tax-free return of 9 per cent compound, over five years. Such large rate increases coming at the end of the line sound profoundly ominous, especially in the wake of the larger than expected rises in building society rates.

However, the Government needs the money. National Savings is budgeted to contribute £3 billion to funding during 1984/85, and returns for the first quarter of the financial year show the Department is lagging badly.

The conjunction of yesterday's National Savings package with the surprise announcement of £700m of new taplets for the gilts market suggests that the Government is making an all-out bid to fund borrowing during the banking month of August.

The Government seems to be hoping for some kind of minor miracle around the beginning of August. The 27th issue of certificates is merely suspended from August 7, with the new issue coming in on the following day. Perhaps therefore the Chancellor is gambling that interest rates will have shown signs of peaking by then, making the 28th issue a sell-out, which should tie up the funding for banking August. Re-enter, subsequently, the 27th, cheaper, issue?

Such a strategy, if this is the correct interpretation, ignores the knock-on effect of yesterday's package on building societies which have yet to make up their minds over mortgage and deposit rates. The spectacle of the public sector battling for funds should be enough to convince any building society chief to secure his own deposit base as tightly as possible. But the spectacle is highly alarming to savers.

Merrill Lynch's credit rating cut

Those guardians of the financial pop charts, Standard & Poors, spare none in their flinty assessment of credit worthiness and now it is the turn of the mighty Merrill Lynch, no less, to suffer the indignity of having its debt downgraded. The senior debt has been downgraded from AA+ to AA, and the subordinated senior debt now carries an AA- rating instead of AA. In all, $1.7 billion of debt is affected.

No doubt Merrill Lynch will live to fight another day. The downgrading is little more than an indignity: the changes are the smallest possible, if highly unusual for a company such as Merrill, and S&P hints that a restoration is possible should Merrill's reorganization plan prove successful.

But the reasons for the reassessment of Merrill Lynch's credit raise awkward questions about other firms in the financial supermarket field. Merrill lost $18.6m in the first three months of this year, and most of that came from income tax adjustments. Nor do the immediate prospects look good.

Merrill has taken corrective measures. A new chief executive has announced a customer rather than product-oriented approach – how was it ever possible to forget the customer? – and the huge workforce is being cut. Significantly, however, similar measures are being applied by rivals: the very profitable Salomon Brothers has begun an internal review of structure and overheads.

Nor do the warnings apply only to the likes of American Express, the big money centre banks, or even commodity-oriented companies such as Drexel, Burnham Lambert. There is a message for those in the City who have embraced enthusiastically the gospel of the financial supermarket. It might even colour Merrill's attitude towards getting hitched with a London firm.

Exchange looks to its public image

While the technocrats and rule makers settle down for a summer creating a brave new world for Stock Exchange members old and new, a smaller, but none the less significant, change is taking place elsewhere in the Throgmorton Street tower.

The Exchange has a good record of keeping its own members in order and is second to none at protecting the public from being parted with its money by the firm's collapse. But those close to the 23rd floor, where decisions are made, scent that the traditional low profile management style may no longer be appropriate.

A recent example of flat footedness which raised hackles was the Stock Exchange announcement stating that its council had "unanimously" agreed to the competing market maker system.

There is still some dispute over whether a formal vote was taken on the matter or whether it was just generally agreed.

In the coming months, it is going to require delicate skills to keep the temperature cool enough to ensure that decisions are taken free of personal emotion.

NatWest buys 5% of broker as a step to investment bank

By William Kay
City Editor

The battle for the future commanding heights of the London stock market was taken a significant step further yesterday when National Westmister Bank completed the blueprint for a wide-ranging investment bank. Through its subsidiary County Bank, it has taken a 5 per cent interest in the stockbroking firm Fielding, Newson-Smith.

This is the maximum National Westminster is allowed under the present rules of the Stock Exge, but both parties confired that the bank will eventually take 100 per cent.

The Fielding news comes at the announcement last February that National Westminster was buying 29.9 per cent of Bisgood Bishop, the stockjobbing firm. Because of that holding, the bank can now buy no more than 5 per cent of Fielding. The two will untimately be merged with County Bank to form an international securities house using National Westminster's worldwide branch network.



Dundas Hamilton: price of deal not disclosed

National Westminster is now in the same position as Barclays Bank to take advantage of the future liberalization of the Stock Exchange, except that Barclays has said it wants no more than 75 per cent each of its market partners, the jobber Wedd Durlacher and the stockbroker De Zoete and Bevan.

A stark contrast has developed between these two banks and their two main British rivals, Lloyds and Midland. Lloyds has made no public move so far. Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank of which Midland owns 60 per cent, has announced a link with the stockbroker W Greenwell.

National Westminster discreetly signalled the deal with Fielding on Thursday when it was unveiling its £236m rights issue, saying "the fundamental changes which are taking place in financial markets in the EK present the bank with opportunities which may call for additional capital investment."

However, Mr Charles Villiers of County Bank was at pains yesterday to point out that the timing of the two announcements was coincidental. "We have been talking to Fielding since March, but it takes time to get a partnership agreement," he said. The price of the deal has not been disclosed.

On the face of it, Fielding is not an obviously neat fit with Bisgood and County, both of which are strong in the Unlisted Securities Market. Fielding does have a considerable corporate finance department, and is highly regarded for its expertise in index-linked gilts.

Mr Dundas Hamilton, Fielding's senior partner, said: "We do hope to develop a primary dealership in gilts

Fielding and National Westminster intend to establish a significant international presence. Fielding has already engaged Mr Tony Regan, formerly Citicorp's vice-president in charge of international investment, to underline this.

Legal threat at Minet

A new committee of Lloyd's names representing PCW underwriting members who do *not* accept the £38.17m compensation offer from Minet and Alexander and Alexander Services will take legal action against Minet and Alexander immediately if the offer goes ahead after next Tuesday's deadline.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1009.8 up 6.8 (high: 1012.4; low: 1008.1)
Index: 776.2 up 11.5
FT Gilts: 76.44 up 0.20
FT All Share: N/A
Bargains: 17,357
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 95.49 up 0.37
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1102.47 down 0.44
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,945.27 down 143.52
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 801.10 up 3.45
Amsterdam: 150.8 down 0.1
Sydney: AO Index 680.9 down 2.4
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 932.6 down 5.3

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.3240 down 50pts
Index 78.7 up 0.1
DM 3.7850 up 0.0075
FrF 11.6025 up 0.0285
Yen 324.25 up 2.00
Dollar
Index 136.9 up 0.1
DM 2.8560 up 0.0070
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.3250
Dollar DM 2.8615
INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.592231
SDR £0.772703

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 12
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 12
3 month interbank 12⅛ – 12
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 12 - 11⅞
3 month DM 5⅞ - 5¾
3 month Fr F6⅝ - 6⅞
US rates
Bank prime rate 13.00
Fed funds 10 15/16
Treasury long bond 100 23/32 - 100 27/32
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period June 6 to July 3 1984, inclusive: 9.488 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $346.50 pm $342.00
close $341.00 - 341.50 (£257.50 - 258.00)
New York (latest): $339.25
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$351.50 - 353.00 (£265.50 - 266.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$80.00 - 81.00 (£60.50 - 61.25)
*Excludes VAT

STC wins £104m sea cable deal

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

A contract worth £104m to supply a 2,500-mile subsea telephone cable link between Australia, Indonesia and Singapore, has been won by Standard Telephones and Cables.

STC said the order would mean extra job security for 1,150 workers at its factories at Southampton and Greenwich. Under a partial offset deal, STC's Australian sister company in Sydney will be completing assembly work on the cable repeaters.

The cable will carry 1,380 telephone circuits and should fulfil the needs of the region for up to 10 years.

A more advanced optical fibre cable could carry 20,000 circuits but would cost several times more and was considered inappropriate, and STC spokesman said. The cable is planned to be operational by 1986 and should produce better quality lines with fewer delays.

The order follows STC's success this year in winning contracts to supply cables for links between Singapore and Hongkong and between Singapore and Europe. The largest order so far has been for an 8,000-mile cable between Canada and Australia.

Singapore
Jakarta
INDONESIA
INDIAN OCEAN
AUSTRALIA
Perth

Hanson builds up stake in Charter

By Jeremy Warner

Hanson trust has built up a substantial shareholding in Charter Consolidated, the British mining and industrial conglomerate which is a limb of Mr Harry Oppenheimer's business empire. The stake may be close to the 5 per cent level at which Hanson would be legally obliged to disclose its existence.

Predatory buying in Charter Consolidated shares was disclosed in *The Times* market report on Tuesday. At that stage the shares stood at 195p but they have since raced ahead, rising a further 14p yesterday, to 245p where they put a price tag of £257m on the company.

Hanson was playing its cards close to its chest yesterday. Mr John Pattisson, a Hanson director, said: "We are rumoured to be interested in so many companies that we simply cannot comment".

Charter's performance has disappointed the City for several years now, and it reported a substantial fall in profits for the year to the end of March. Valued at a substantial discount to its underlying worth, it is just the sort of group in which Hanson would be interested.

However, Charter is 35.7 per cent owned by Minorco, a key holding company in the South African business empire ultimately controlled by Harry Oppenheimer.

Minorco last night denied that its stake was up for sale

Fenner fights takeover

By Our Financial Staff

J. H. Fenner, the Hull engineering group, retaliated against Hawker Siddeley's unwanted £42m takeover bid yesterday with a forecast of a substantial rise in both dividends and profits for this year.

In a formal defence document sent to areholders yesterday, Fenner estimated that its pretax profits in the year to the end of September would not be less than £5.8m – an increase of 29 per cent.

The group said that the second half of the current year had been adversely affected by the miners' strike and the civil strife in India,

Fenner shares were unchanged at 140p on the defence. Hawker's shares and cash bid, which closes for the first time on Thursday, is worth

Grand Met scraps US buy-out

By Jonathan Clare

Grand Metropolitan has abandoned its plans to sell its American cigarette business to the management, employees and outside investors for $325m (£250m), with no explanation of why the deal failed.

Grand Met, which includes hotels and bewing among its interests, announced in May that it had reached agreement on the buy out of Liggett & Myers after months of negotiation.

Yesterday, its US subsidiary said: that "Developments iin the pricing of cigarettes have prompted Grand Met USA and the management of the cigarette business to discontinue negotiations."

Liggett has doubled its market share in America, with its concentration on cheap unbranded "generic" cigarettes sold in supermarkets.

However, growth of this business has slowed because the American recovery has prompted smokers to switch back to higher price brands.

Grand Met won control of Liggett group in 1980 after a fight with Standard Brands

Liggett & Myers' branded cigarettes include the Eve, Lark and L & M branded cigarettes. Profits last year were about $60.5m.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **BLACK ARROW GROUP:** Year to March 31. Comparisons are restated. Turnover £8.34m (£6.98m). Pretax profit £1.03m (£876,000). Total dividend 3.5p (3p).

● **PLATON INTERNATIONAL:** Mr Gilbert Platon, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the current year opened with a good workload. In the first quarter, the order book has further improved and budgets for the year envisage significant additional growth.

● **GLASGOW STOCKHOLDERS TRUST:** Interim payment for 1984 raised from the equivalent of 0.7p to 0.75p a share. The board intends to recommend a final of not less than the equivalent final for 1983, which was 1.1p.

● **ELECTRONIC MACHINE:** Half-year to March 31. Turnover £949,000 (£958,000). Pretax profit £15,000 (£23,000). Barring unforeseen circumstances, the full year's results should justify a modest dividend – the first for many years.

● **HAROLD INGRAM** (controlled by Waddkon Establishment): Year to April 30. Sales £4.16m (£3.78m). Pretax profit £34,000 (£3,000). No dividend (same)

● **DEWHURST & PARTNER:** Half-year to April 1. Turnover £1.82m (£1.66m). Pretax profit £67,000 (58,000) Interim payment 0.25p (0.225p). The company has reasonable expectations of matching last year's results.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Credit watch on Midland

Standard and Poor's, the US credit-rating agency, has placed both Midland Bank and its Californian subsidiary Crocker National on "credit watch" – a sign that S and P is considering altering their debt-ratings.

S and P said yesterday that Midland's plan to buy out minority shareholders in Crocker could have "negative implications for Midland Bank".

● **THE BRISTOL** Evenging Post, publishers of the *Evening Post* and the *Western Daily Press*, increased its profits from £1.8m to £2.5m last year. Most of the improvement came from its newspaper publishing interests.

● **COWAN, DE GROOT,** the toy company and porprictor of the Russian Shop in Holborn, London, has recovered from the setback of 1982-83 with profits of £880,000, against £224,000 last year. Sales were down from £29.4m to £26.6m after rationalisation of loss-making businesses. The dividend, uncovered in 1982-83, has been maintained at 2p.

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● **THE NORTHERN ROCK** Building Society has raised its loan rate from 10.25 to 12.8 per cent and the Guardian's rate has risen from 10.75 to 13 per cent.

● **SIR KENNETH CORFIELD,** chairman of Standard Telephones and Cables, has been elected president of the Institute of Directors.

● **THE WORLD BANK** made net earnings of $600m (£454m) during the year to June 20, 1984, compared with $752 last year. The international lending agency borrowed a gross $9.8 billion at an average interest rate of 8.42 per cent.

Maxwell loses at Waddington

By Philip Robinson

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, yesterday failed to thwart a £5.2m rights issue of John Waddington, the games and business forms group, in which he holds a 25.79 per cent stake.

But Mr Maxwell succeeded in defeating a Waddington resolution which brought up to date articles of association first drawn up in 1954.

Mr George Willett – a former corporate finance partner with Grieveson Grant, the stockbroker, and now a personal consultant for Mr Maxwell – told shareholders at the annual meeting that the rights issue was a "frustrating tactic".

Mr Maxwell's unsuccesful bid late last year left him with a 29 per cent stake in Waddington. After Waddington issued more shares for an acquisition, Mr Maxwell's holding was diluted to 25.75 per cent. Unless Mr Maxwell takes up his rights now, the stake will drop to just over 21 per cent.

Mr Willett gave formal notice yesterday of Mr Maxwell's intention to requisition a special shareholders' meeting, in a bid to appoint two non-executive directors – nominated by him – to the Waddington board. Previous informal requests have been rejected.

Mr Maxwell has said that if he fails to get board representation, he wants to sell his shares. Waddington said that Kleinwort Benson, its banker, is at present seeking buyers,

Bankers see little chance of progress

Doubts on Argentine debt

By Peter Wilson-Smith
Banking Correspondent

Argentine hopes of agreement with the International Monetary Fund within a matter of days were dismissed as too optimistic by commercial bankers and monetary officials yesterday.

Senor Bernardo Grinspun, Economy Minister, said on televison on Thursday: "We are confident that the authorities of the Fund will recommend our letter of intent to the executive board within the next few days, which will open the path to negotiations with the Club of Paris and later, with the commercial banks."

However, monetary sources in Washington held out little hope of rapid progress. Sources said there was still need for Argentina to put forward realistic proposals to satisfy the IMF

IMF officials have been discouraged with Argentine plans for big increases in public sector wages, which are seen as incompatible with the need to reduce the budget deficit and inflation.



Latin America's Debts ($ billion)	
Argentina	44
Bolivia	3.5
Brazil	93
Chile	18
Colombia	12
Costa Rica	4
Ecuador	7
Mexico	89
Peru	12
Uruguay	4
Venezuela	34

*Market estimates

In his broadcast, Senor Grinspun repeated the Government's determination to raise wages by 6 to 8 per cent in real terms with inflation running at 570 per cent and attain economic growth of about 5 per cent.

Optimistic Argentine statements on its negotiations with the IMF have frequently coincided with looming deadlines on debt payments. Argentina is due to repay $300m (£227m) to four Latin American countries by July 31.

Commercial banks have also set a deadline of August 15 for repayment of $125m advanced last month to meet interest payments, unless Argentina reaches an agreement

The protracted negotiations over Argentina's debts are in marked contrast to the progress made by Mexico,

However, Bolivia, one of the smallest Latin American debtors, which has been forced to halt even interest payments to the banks because of its political and economic problems, has now received a stiff rejoinder from its bank creditors.

At a meeting with Bolivia's Finance Minister, Señor Oscar Bonifaz, a committee representing 128 creditor banks has rejected Bolivia's unilateral decision to halt payments.

The committee said it would recommend creditors to take "whatever action is in their best interests" if Bolivia did not resume negotiations and some interest payments after three months.

Banking sources said this was an implicit threat to declare Bolivia in default.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	12%
Adam & Company	12%
Barclays	12%
BCCI	12%
Citibank Savings	† 9¾%
Consolidated Crds	12%
Continental Trust	12%
C. Hoare & Co *	12%
Lloyds Bank	12%
Midland Bank	12%
Nat Westminster	12%
TSB	12%
Williams & Glyn's	12%
Citibank NA	12%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 9½%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 9¾%; £50,000 and over, 10%.

TEMPUS

Omens below the surface of placid gilts trading

Yesterday was one of those quiet days in the gilts market which may, in retrospect, turn out to have been full of potent implications. The authorities clearly signalled by their activities that they are looking for a rally. Yet this week's detailed money supply figures for banking June place some question marks, over the justification in for a bounce.

Three-month interbank rates eased back to 12⅛ per cent. The Treasury bill tender dropped back a fraction. The authorities sold some stock in the morning, and then announced additional taps in the afternoon.

Sadly, however, the Government Broker was able to sell his stock in the morning, a tranche of the £300m taplet, Exchequer 10¼ per cent 1995, only by cutting his price to 86⅞, ⅞ lower than his assumed dealing level. Eyebrows in the gilts market rose at such heterodox behaviour. Banking August, after all, is only two days old.

Much the same comment was made in the afternoon, after £700m of taplets were announced. The wags added that the stocks had been created without regard for sensitive market signals, or yield curve considerations.

Validation of this raucous comment comes partly via detailed banking June money figures. Crudely, PSBR was underfunded, as sterling came under pressure, while domestic demand for credit rocketed. Seasonally adjusted bank lending to the private sector, jumped by £1 billion to £2.8 billion.

Both the External items and the banks' net non-deposit liabilities turned positive, so that the total 2 per cent in £M3 stemmed from adverse factors across the board.

But the authorities could muster gilt sales of only £374m. The rest of the £936m offset to domestic credit expansion came from a ragbag of funding instruments.

The bad news is that banking July may have seen similar pressure on the aggregates; the Bank of England's bill mountain, for example, rose by £1½ billion. As yesterday's interest rate movement domonstrated, National Savings, the alternative funding arm, may be petering out.

Hence the need to crank up the funding programme, even though the market is still convalescing from recent traumatic events.

Cowan, de Groot

Spiderman, The A Team, and the rest of the television and comic-book super heroes have once again rallied round to save Cowan, de Groot from the worst that the dastardly Russians could do.

Cowan's D. Dekker subsidiary has lucrative licensing agreements to manufacture toys based on television characters, which have kept it consistently profitable. Dekker contributed about 60 per cent of trading profits last year and is probably worth more than the rest of the business put together.

By contrast, Cowan's problems include the Russian Shop which lost £75,000 last year and has not made a profit since 1980.

The H&J wholesale cycle business made the worse loss – £85,000 – after the sale of the electric half of the business. It should now be breaking even.

Codeg Security Systems, failed to establish its do-it-yourself burglar alarms, has been closed at a cost of £120,000.

Unlike 1982-83, last year's dividend was covered. Don't expect a return to the £2.5m level of profits achieved five years ago for at least another two years but anything less than £1m this time round would be disappointing. Meanwhile, net assets of 60 per cent share underpin the share price, up 1p at 36p yesterday.

Bristol Evening Post

The provincial press is alive and kicking despite the ravages of recession on its mainstay income of recruitment advertising.

Yesterday's figures from The Bristol Evening Post, with profits from newspaper publishing up from £405,000 to more than £1m, are reassuring after Associated Newspapers' recent poor showing.

Forecasts of industry advertising volume for this year suggest growth of more than 6 per cent – about the same as last year. In terms of value, advertising could be 12 per cent ahead.

In the heady boom days of the 1970s recruitment advertising accounted for about 40 per cent of advertising revenue, and property another 20 per cent. Recruitment has not yet come back to those levels but property and second-hand car sales are buoyant. Lower overheads probably more than make up for the shortfall in recruitment advertising.

The Bristol Evening Post, which publishes both the *Evening Post* and the *Western Daily Press* through its 60 per cent owned subsidiary, Bristol United Press, misjudged the impact of new technology and converted late.

Associated Newspapers, which owns 23.8 per cent, made an abortive bid in 1981 which was fiercely resisted. The company's structure is unusual: Associated and The Daily Mail & General Trust hold the balance of BUP, the main operating subsidiary. The shares enjoy solid asset backing, but trade in a narrow market.

WALL STREET

Prices opened mixed in active trading. The Dow Jones industrial average recovered 3.09 to 1106.01 after dropping 8.72 to 1,102.92 on Thursday, the lowest level since it finished at 1,0860 on June 15.

Declines led advances by 375 to 329.

Brokers were hopeful that the market could find some support, but most experts believe prices are heading down to test their 1984 lows.

"It's really the summer doldrums," said Mr Chester Pado of G. Tsai and Co, Los Angeles. "I don't see that any indicators are building up for a major break in the near future.

"The Dow Jones average is headed back"

	July 19	July 18
AMF Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	[illegible]	33
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Brands	57	[illegible]
Am Broadcast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Cyanamid	45	[illegible]
Am Elec Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Home	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Nat Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Telephone	18	[illegible]
Armco Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	21	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	22	[illegible]
Atlantic Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of America	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of Boston	30	30
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bethlehem Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	[illegible]	53
Campbell Soup	63	[illegible]
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Colgate	[illegible]	[illegible]
CBS	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	31
Combustion Eng	29	[illegible]

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Fst Intrst Bncp	[illegible]	36
Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]
GAF Corp	18	18
GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Foods	54	[illegible]
Gen Mills	[illegible]	53
Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Pub Util NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genesco	[illegible]	7
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Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Gould Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Gt Atlic & Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Ingersoll	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
IBM	[illegible]	[illegible]
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INCO	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Paper	[illegible]	47
Int Tel Tel	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Jim Walter	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johnson & John	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kaiser Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kerr McGee	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kimberly Clark	40	[illegible]
K Mart	[illegible]	[illegible]
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L.T.V. Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Lockheed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lucky Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manuf Hanover	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manville Cp	9	9
Mapco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marine Midland	[illegible]	[illegible]
Martin Marietta	[illegible]	[illegible]

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PPG Ind	26	29
Procter Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Republic Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	46	[illegible]
Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Regis Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
SFE Sopac	[illegible]	21
SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	33
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Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans	[illegible]	[illegible]
Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smithkline Beck	54	[illegible]
Sony	[illegible]	14
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Sperry Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stevens J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
TWA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Travelers Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
TRW Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
UAL Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Carbide	49	[illegible]
Union Oil Calif	[illegible]	[illegible]
Un Pacific Corp	37	[illegible]
Uniroyal	12	[illegible]
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US Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber, coffee, cocoa, in £ per tonne; Sugar and gas oil in US $ per metric tonne.

RUBBER
Aug 720-00
Sep 718-08
Oct 720-05
Nov 715-12

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Index takes heart with 11 point surge

By Derek Pain and Michael Clark

Shares heaved a huge sigh of relief over the expected dockers settlement yesterday and the FT 30 share index closed 11.5 points higher at 776.2 points.

Trading was, once again, light and markets had to contend with such near perennial worries as the interest rate trend and the miners strike. Indeed, but for fears that US interest rates were about to take off again, the London market would have enjoyed an even more exuberant session.

Gilts were in form, with gains of up to £½, before the latest array of new taplets, worth £700m, eroded sentiment.

Gold shares lost a dollar or so as the bullion price gave ground in later trading.

Analysts have moved quickly to downgrade Boots after the increased price competition market. But after a confident speech by the chairman of Boots at the annual meeting, broker Grieveson Grant is confident Boots can raise pretax profits from £148m to £167m this year, leaving the shares on an attractive p/e of under 10. The market has also not taken account of the success of the drug on the over-the-counter market. Shares of Boots rallied 4p to 167p yesterday.

Henlys, the loss making garage group, held at 121p despite growing expectations that Mr Michael Ashcroft is poised to make a bid for full control.

Coleman Milne, one of the multitude of companies under the Ashcroft influence, has about 27 per cent of Henlys and has seemed to be lurking with bid intent for some time.

The Ashcroft vehicle has already made one possible attempt to win control of Henlys when it let it be known that it was prepared to pay about 120p a share. But such an approach failed to entice Henlys' directors.

There is talk that Henlys has a property revaluation in its locker which could throw up a 185p a share asset valuation. And the Henlys' board has retained the support of the Bank of Scotland which has a near 30 per cent shareholding.

There appears to be a growing split between leading brokers over the prospects for **Associated Dairies**, the supermarkets group, which rallied 6p to 148p after a period of prolonged weakness. Earlier his week broker Hoare Govett decided to downgrade prospects for the present year by £8m to £120m.

The market is fearful that the prolonged miner's strike could start to bite heavily into profits. But the broker, Scrimgeour Kemp Gee, known for its retail analysis, visited the company on Thursday and is happy with its original forecast for the present year of between £125m and £130m.

Preliminary figures for 1983/84, expected shortly, should reveal profits of between £105m and £110m. Both Scrimgeour and Asda are surprised by the fears created by the miner's strike and reckon that the momentum of volume growth is being maintained.

Scrimgeour is continuing to recommend the shares as a buy and claims there is still a lot to go for in the sector generally. **Tesco** is another food retailer it fancies and yesterday the shares responded with a 1p rise to 158p after a line of more than 1 million shares went through the market earlier this week.

Elsewhere in food retailing **Cullens**, the family controlled supermarket group, was in fine form after renewed bid speculation. The ordinary shares closed 60p higher at 320p and the 'A' 35p at 235p. But any bid would have to be agreed by the family.

Dee Corp was another firm market rising 18p to 476p ahead of full year figures next week. Dealers said this might have been due to a late bout of upgrading by analysts in a thin market.

Shares of **Bougainville**, the Australian mining group, remained a weak market closing 3p lower at a new low of 95p as a line of 1.1 million shares that had been overhanging the market for a few days was cleared.

Woodside Petroleum was another dull market sliding 1p to 72p. But word in the market suggests the oil and gas exploration group is shortly to announce it has found a buyer for its reserves of natural gas discovered in its latest offshore drilling programme.

According to close observers the Japanese are willing to buy as much as Woodside can supply and that could provide a big boost to profits over the next few years. But last night the shares were prepared to drift lower with the rest of the Australian market.

C. H. Beazer has stepped up its pressure to win control of rival builder **William Leech** and ordered its broker L. Messel to stand in the market and bid 145p after Beazer announced it had received acceptances totalling 6.95 million shares, or 46.4 per cent.

It was unclear last night if Beazer had managed to pick up the remaining 3.6 per cent of the shares to give it control of Leech. Beazer lost 5p at 303p.

Merchant bankers Brown Shipley plans to offer for sale next month five million shares in an intriguing US exploration group, Great Western Resources. Likely sale price is 160p against an asset level of £2.18 a share. Great Western, has shunned a US flotation because its founder, Mr Daniel Pena, feels the issue will be better received in London. It made profits of $402,000 in its last six months.

The latest builder to receive a bid is **Glossop**, which says it has entered into discussions with a third party which may result in an offer being made for the shares capital of the company. The shares greeted the news with a 119p rise to a new high of 68p valuing the entire company at £4.8m.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Renewed strength of the dollar featured in markets, still reflecting the buoyant American economy and expectations of higher interest rates.

Even sterling, itself underpinned by firm interest rates and a settlement of the docks dispute, failed to hold Thursday's late dollar gain. It closed half a cent down at 1.3240.

But the pound made progress against leading continentals, enabling the effective exchange rate index to edge up another 0.1 to 78.7.

Deutsche marks declined from 2.8470 to 2.8560 against the dollar, while Swiss franc fell from 2.4070 to 2.4150, and French francs weakened from 8.7350 to 8.7625.

The Japanese yen dipped from 243.30 to 244.85 in terms of the dollar.

MONEY MARKETS

The peace formula for the docks allowed period rates to drop back from the higher levels established earlier in the week. Day-to-day money, however, remained dominated by the shortage of liquidity that has been making it more difficult for the authorities to take out the technical shortages

The Bank of England had forecast a shortage of about £150m at the outset. Its figure was amended to £200m at midday and the to £250m in the afternoon. In the lunchtime operation, the authorities succeeded in drawing out tenders of only £53m of bills.

Houses paid 12 per cent for fresh funds during the morning and into the afternoon. Later they eased, to allow closing balances to be found in the range of 10-11 per cent.

FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

INSURANCE BROKERS

How a point of law has left clients uncovered

Small investors could be hundreds of thousands of pounds worse off because registered insurance brokers are all operating illegally.

Under Statutory Instrument 408 of the 1979 insurance brokers registration legislation, registered brokers are required to have professional indemnity insurance which will compensate their clients "against loss arising from claims of any description". It is the term "any description" which is the crucial point, because no insurance broker has this cover.

As a result, all insurance brokers are operating illegally and have been for five years. The effects of this are already costing small investors considerable sums.

Many registered insurance brokers sold bonds in the failed, Gibraltar-based insurance company, Signal Life, which collapsed in August, 1982, owing investors more than £6m.

As it was an offshore insurance company, investors were not entitled to compensation under the Policyholders Protection Act, although investors in Signal's Gold Bond, were promptly compensated by the fund's trustees, the Hongkong Shanghai Bank.

The unlucky ones who had bought Signal's Gilt Bond which had no trustee had no option but to sue their brokers for negligence.

Several successful actions against brokers have been brought in the past few months, but few investors have been paid – because the brokers' professional indemnity insurers are repudiating the claims, invoking a clause present in virtually all PI policies, which specifically excludes "insolvency of the insurer". Under the terms of the insurance brokers registration legislation, these PI policies donot meet the requirements of the Act.

Mr John Potter of the Signal Life Investors' Action Group (SLIAG) declared: "This is a tremendously significant new piece of information which should help us enormously in our fight to get compensation. I have written to John Fryer of the Insurance Brokers Registration Council; to the minister, Norman Fowler, and to Michael Morris at the British Insurance Brokers' Association and pointed out that the IBRC is not enforcing the legislation and the professional indemnity insurers are not complying with the requirements. We are investigating the possibility of suing for negligence."

Mr Potter is also organizing a scheme whereby Signal investors will be able to bring an action against the broker for a flat fee of about £200.

The Department of Trade, which regulates the insurance industry, confirmed that the brokers are all operating illegally, and a spokesman said: "The Department has no powers under the legislation to compel the IBRC to enforce the legislation – although, of course, we we will be talking to John Fryer about this".

Mr John Fryer is the secretary of the Insurance Brokers Registration Council. "The responsibility for making sure that the brokers meet the terms of the legislation belongs with the council", said the department's spokesman. "But we do have powers to direct that the Statutory Instrument be changed. This is something which might have to happen."

The Statutory Instrument as it stands is probably unenforceable and is clearly a blunder on the part of the legal draughtsmen. No professional indemnity insurer would be prepared to underwrite such a comprehensive risk. All PI policies contain exclusions and it is probably impossible to obtain PI cover "against loss arising from claims of any description".

But the fact remains that as the legislation now stands the brokers are operating illegally and the IBRC has not been enforcing the legislation.

MORTGAGES

It pays to shop around

With most of the big building societies having made up their minds about mortgage and investment rates, it is clear that it will pay to shop around for mortgages – particularly if you want a larger-than-average loan.

Woolwich Building Society remains the cheapest for loans over £20,000 but you will, no doubt, find yourself at the end of a queue in most areas. For loans above £40,000 Cheltenham & Gloucester's new Gold Loan at 13.75 per cent looks a good deal and money is readily available. The only restriction here is that you cannot borrow more than 75 per cent of the value of the property, but this should be no problem for second and third time buyers.

If you want under £20,000, the Anglia Building Society is one of the cheapest, offering mortgages at the Building Societies Association's advised rate of 12.5 per cent. Alliance and Cheltenham & Gloucester will also lend at this rate but only on loans up to £15,000.

The Leeds Permanent Building Society is one of the few large societies which still has not yet made up its mind on rates. Borrowers will learn the worst on Monday.

COST OF A HOME LOAN

Building society	Differential mortgage rates		Availability of loans
Halifax	Up to 25,000	12.75%	Can meet demands for own members.
	25,001-30,000	13.25%	
	30,001-35,000	13.75%	
	35,001-above	14.25%	
Alliance	Up to 15,000	12.5%	Poor. Only investors of at least 1 year or 6 mths with 10% of loan invested.
	15,000-25,000	13.00%	
	25,000-35,000	13.5%	
	35,000-40,000	14.00%	
	40,000-above	14.5%	
Anglia	Up to 20,000	12.5%	Good. 6-8 weeks. Priority to investors.
	20,001-30,000	13.00%	
	30,001-35,000	13.5%	
	35,001-40,000	14.00%	
	40,001-100,000	14.5%	
Abbey National	Up to 15,000	12.875%	No problem.
	15,000-25,000	13.125%	
	25,000-30,000	13.375%	
	30,000-35,000	13.875%	
	35,000-above	min 14.375%	
Leicester	Up to 15,000	12.75%	
	15,000-20,000	13.25%	
	20,000-30,000	13.75%	
	30,000-50,000	14.25%	
	50,000-above	14.75%	
Cheltenham & Gloucester	Up to 15,000	12.5%	No problem.
	15,001-20,000	13.00%	
	20,001-30,000	13.5%	
	30,001-40,000	14.00%	
	40,001-above	min 14.5%	
Cheltenham Gold Loan	30,000-60,000	13.75%	Only lend 75% of value of property
Woolwich	all loans	12.75%	Differs over the country.
Nationwide	Existing loans	12.75%	
	New loans to £40,000	13.00%	
	New loans over £40,000	14.00%	

NORTON WARBURG

Investors face tax bill for lost profits

Investors in Norton Warburg, the financial consultant which collapsed in February 1981, owing creditors more than £10m, claim they are being hounded by the Inland Revenue for capital gains tax on profits they have never received.

At a meeting of Norton Warburg's creditors, Mrs Jane Davies, a widow who lost her life savings when the company collapsed, said: "I am being pursued by the Revenue. Now the initial publicity has died down they are becoming much tougher".

Mrs Davies lost £150,000, the proceeds of a life policy and the sale of her husband's business after his death in a road accident. The Revenue is now claiming tax on paper profits made on Mrs Davies' investments by Norton Warburg. Another investor, Mr John Mortimer is in a similar position.

Other investors whose money was in a separate clients' portfolio account have been more fortunate. Reporting to the creditors at the meeting, Mr Paul Shewell, the receiver, revealed that these investors received 57p in the pound.

Agreement with the Revenue on capital gains tax liability was negotiated on behalf of the portfolio investors by the receiver, but others, including Mrs Davies and Mr Mortimer, had their money in a separate Norton Warburg company and were not included in these arrangements.

Mr Gerhard Weiss, the liquidator, also revealed that writs have been issued by the receiver and liquidator against Lloyds Bank which held Norton Warburg's clients' funds, the original auditors, Turquands Barton Mayhew, the accountants (now merged in Ernst & Whinney) and Midgley & Co, which took over the Norton Warburg audit in 1977, in an attempt to recover some of the lost money.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks
Current account – no interest paid. Deposit accounts – Midland, Lloyds, Natwest 8.75 per cent, Barclays 9.0 per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals.

MONEY FUNDS

Fund	Flat	APR	Telephone
Allen Hume monthly inc	11.00	11.57	01 636 6070
B of Scotland	11.15	11.74	01 628 8060
Britannia call	11.75	12.404	01 588 2777
Mallinhall call	11.63	12.17	01 499 6634
Oppenheimer Money Management account	11.75	12.27	01 236 3887
S & P call	11.11	11.75	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	11.75	12.40	0705 827733
" over £10,000	12.00	12.68	0705 827733
Tullet & Riley	11.79	12.17	01 236 0952
T & R 7 day	11.22	11.57	01 236 0952
Tyndall 7 day	11.5	12.0	0272 732241
Tyndall call	11.77	12.27	0272 732241
UDT 7 day	11.00	11.47	01 623 3020
Western Trust 1 month	11.75	12.40	0752 261161
Henderson Money Market Cheque Account	11.15	11.74	01 638 5757
M & G Hica	11.78	12.5	01 626 4588

National Savings Bank
Ordinary accounts – interest 6 per cent on £500 minimum on deposit for whole of 1984, otherwise 3 per cent. Investment Account – 9¼% interest paid without deduction of tax, months notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £50,000.

National Savings Certificates 27th Issue
Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 7.25 per cent, maximum investment £5,000.

National Savings Income Bond
Min investment £2,000 – max. £50,000. Interest – 10 per cent variable at six weeks notice – paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 or 6 months notice – check penalties.

National Savings 2nd index-linked certificates
Maximum investment £10,000, excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index Supplement of 0.2 per cent per month up to October 1984 paid to new investors; existing holders receive a 2.4 per cent supplement between October 1983 and October 1984 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Retirement Issue Certificates purchased in July 1979, £170.29 including bonus and supplement.

National Savings Deposit Bond
Minimum investment £500 max £50,000, 10 per cent variable at six weeks notice Credited annually without deduction of tax. Repayment at three months' notice.

Local authority yearling bonds
12 month fixed rate investments. Interest 11⅝ per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayer), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

National Savings Yearly Plan
A one-year regular savings plan converting into four-year savings certificates. Min £20, Max £100 a month. Return over five years 9.6 per cent tax free.

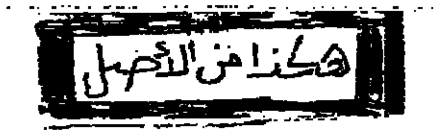
Guaranteed Income Bonds
Return paid net of basic rate tax, higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity.
2 years Canterbury Life 9.5 per cent. 3 years General Portfolio 9.8 per cent. 4 years General Portfolio 10.15 per cent 5 years Canterbury Life 10.0 per cent.

Local authority town hall bonds
Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). 1 year Leicester City 11 per cent. 2-5 years London Borough of Hillingdon 11¾ per cent. 6-7 years Barnet 11¾ per cent. 8 years Vale of Glamorgan 11⅝ per cent. 9-10 years Taff Ely 11⅞ per cent.
Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public, Finance & Accountancy, Loans Bureau (628 4538 between 10am and 2.30pm) see also on Prestel no 24808.

Building societies
Ordinary share accounts – 7.75 per cent. Extra interest accounts usually pay 1 per cent over the ordinary share rate. Regular savings schemes – 1.25 per cent over BSA advised ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Investors in industry
Fixed term, fixed rate investments of between 3 and 10 years, interest paid half-yearly without deduction of tax: 3 years, 11.25 per cent; 4 years, 11.5 per cent; 5 years 11.5 per cent; 6 years, 11.75 per cent; 7-10 years 12 per cent. Further information from 91 Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7822).

Finance house deposits (UDT)
Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deductions of tax. Five-Fifty scheme: 6 months 11 per cent; 1 year, 11⅛ per cent; 2 years, 11⅜ per cent.



FAMILY MONEY

Retirement planner

A useful book, *Retirement Income Planning*, is now available from the Hastings Group. It explains who to go to for investment advice and explains what is a unit trust; investment bond; guaranteed income bond and other terms. A whole section is given over to taxation where it clarifies how income tax is calculated, what allowances are available, what is capital transfer tax and how to keep capital gains tax to a minimum. The book is available from The Hastings Group, Freepost, Farnham GU9 7SD (Price £1).

Advice for women

Money Matters, the organization, is running one-day courses on financial affairs for women. Young professional women will be giving advice on issues such as saving, investing, buying a house and surviving a divorce. The next course will be held at 21 Portland Place, W1 on November 10. This will follow a course on October 20 on starting and running your own business.

Details from Susan Fieldman on Walton on Thames (0932) 221286.

Student cover

Good news for students. Endsleigh Insurance Service is reducing premiums on its Student Personal Possessions insurance policy.

The 1984-85 policy protects a studen's possessions while at any college of residence, in any building on campus, at any temporary and/or permanent address, as well as in transit to and from home at the beginning and end of term. It covers fire, theft, malicious damage and water damage, personal accident up to £5,000, landlord's or college property to £1,000, fraudulent misuse of credit cards to £500 and personal money to £20, plus additional costs in continuing studies or taking exams if studies are interrupted and exams missed after an accident.

The student has a choice of premium. For example, to insure for a sum of £1,500, the 1984 premium would be as little as £14 compared with £15 last year and to insure for £2,000 the premium would be £17.50 (£20 in 1983).

For further details, contact Endsleigh Insurance Services, Endsleigh House, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 3NR (Tel. Cheltenham (0242) 36151).

Conflict warning

If a solicitor was part of a firm which acted as estate agent in house conveyancing, and which gained commission on the sale of the property, there must be a danger of a conflict of interest, said Mr Christopher Ward, a solicitor, at a seminar organized by the Incorporated Society of Valuers & Auctioneers. Mr Ward expressed concern at how all elements of housebuying could satisfactorily come in one package.

He also said that the public should not be misled into thinking that all transfers were now easier due to the work of the Land Registry. "In fact, in many cases problems with boundaries and covenants are more complex than was the case before titles were registered", he said.

Top returns

The rise in interest rates is good news for investors who are now receiving the highest real return (after taking into account inflation) for many years. Two building societies offering particularly attractive deals are the Leamington Spa and Cheltenham & Gloucester.

Leamington Spa's new fixed rate, fixed term, one-year Spa Bond is paying a guaranteed 9.25 per cent net of basic rate tax. This is equivalent to 13.21 per cent gross to a basic rate taxpayer. Unlike most building society investments which operate on a variable basis, the Spa Bond pays a fixed rate. The minimum investment is £2,000 with a maximum of £30,000.

From August 1, Cheltenham & Gloucester Gold account will be paying 9 per cent net of basic rate tax, the equivalent of 12.86 gross to a basic rate taxpayer. The minimum investment is £1,000, no notice periods are required and there are no penalties on withdrawal. For a minimum investment of £5,000 Cheltenham Gold will pay interest monthly.



Winning streak: Porchester's hope for the round Britain offshore powerboat race

Powerboat cover

Porchester Group, the insurance broker, is providing insurance cover for the turbo-charged superboat tipped to win the round-Britain offshore powerboat race. Porchester has put together a package, covering both boat and crew. The managing director of Porchester Group, Miss Jackie Pressman, met the driver Mr Richard Lawson at an early race function and offered to help out with the insurance requirements which were threatening to overwhelm him.

Midshires offer

One of the best offers for investors comes from the Midshires Building Society. From July 16 it is paying 9.25 per cent of basic rate tax on its High Return Account. The new rate applies to both existing and new accounts.

Deposits of £500 earns interest of 9.25 per cent net, equivalent to 9.46 per cent net of basic rate tax when you add half-yearly interest to your account. Money can be withdrawn instantly with a loss of 60 days interest and no loss of interest is incurred if 28 days notice of withdrawal is given. If a balance of £10,000 is maintained in the account, withdrawals may be made without any notice or penalty.

Further details from Midshires Building Society, PO Box 81, Wolverhampton WV1 1EL (Tel: Wolverhampton 710710).

US launch

A new American Income Trust has been launched by Allied Unit Trust Company which will invest in the United States. It aims to produce an above-average and growing income, as well as good prospects of capital growth from a portfolio of equities. The portfolio will be supplemented by convertibles to widen the range of growth opportunities. The initial yield will be 5 per cent.

Allied believes that the launch of the American Income Trust could be well-timed, as Wall Street offers a wide selection of stocks at attractive prices. The minimum investment is £250. Further details from Allied (telephone 01-434 3211).

Repayment relief

A New insurance-linked low start home ownership plan has been launched by Property Growth Assurance and is designed to lessen the burden of repayments during the early years of a mortgage, when financial commitments are likely to be most onerous.

During the first five years, contributions to the insurance policy linked to the loan are at a level nearly 50 per cent below those made during the remainder of the term. Repayment of the mortgage at the end of the term or in the event of earlier death is guaranteed. PGA says that initially the cost is likely to be no more than on a straight repayment loan. Details from Property Growth Assurance Ltd, Leon House, High Street, Croydon, CR9 1LU.

Bond yield increase

The rise in interest rates has enabled investment adviser R. J. Temple to negotiate a second increase in the yield on its current offer of three-year Guaranteed Income Bonds.

The bond is now being issued with an annual income of 9.3 per cent net of basic rate tax which is equivalent to 13.28 per cent gross. Minimum investment in the bond is £1,000 and there is no upper limit. It is available to anyone aged 12 or over.

Where at least £10,000 is invested in the bond, investors may if they wish receive monthly income payments. If this option is taken the income paid will be at the annual rate of 9 per cent net over the 3-year term. Further details from R. J. Temple and Company, Investment Services Division: Temple House, 37 Grand Parade, Brighton, Sussex BN2 2QA. Tel: 0273 673136.

Share guide

The Stock Exchange has produced a good simple guide – *An Introduction to Buying and Selling Shares* – aimed at people who may find themselves holding shares for the first time through a company scheme or a bequest.

British Telecom which is about to be privatized, clearly thinks it may persuade people to apply for shares as it is including an invitation to apply for the free booklet with the present crop of telephone bills. Copies are available from The Stock Exchange, London, EC2N 1HP.

Tax relief ruling

Many more people than initially expected will find that in spite of having proposal forms with their insurance company well before Budget day when Life Assurance Premium Relief (LAPR) was abolished, they will not be entitled to tax relief on their insurance policy.

The Inland Revenue ruled that formal acceptance of a proposal had to have been issued by the insurance company by midnight on Budget day for the policy to qualify for tax relief on premiums.

At first it was thought that only those people who had piled in at the last minute would not be eligible. But as one big insurer points out, at any time an insurance company has as much as 50 per cent of its proposals in the pipeline being processed – some awaiting medicals, or clarification of small technical points.

But these people will also be denied tax relief on their policies, some of whom had their proposals with the insurer anything up to six to eight weeks before the Budget.

Rate changes

Midland Bank is increasing the interest on its high interest cheque account from 10 to 11 per cent from July 19. The minimum investment is £2,000, maximum £100,000. This is a cheque book account and no notice of withdrawal is required, but the minimum withdrawal is £200. Interest is paid quarterly. Holders may also run a current account, free of bank charges if it's kept in credit.

The interest rate on Midland's monthly income deposit account is being increased from 8.5 to 10.75 per cent from August 16. This is a lump sum investment with a minimum of £2,000. Additions of £250 can be made at any time, and interest is paid monthly.

PENSIONS

Sting in the tail for insurers

In all the reactions to the Government's consultative document on personal portable pensions no one so far appears to have noticed a potential bombshell for the insurance industry tucked away in a clause near the end of the booklet.

The paragraph suggests that banks and building societies, among others, could offer personal pensions as well as the insurance companies.

Because of their widespread branch networks the banks and friendly societies would have a tremendous marketing advantage over the insurance companies which have few branches. When a similar change was made in the pensions market in Canada, insurance companies lost a huge amount of business.

In other respects, reactions to the proposals have been distinctly mixed. Most insurance companies and independent advisers applaud the government's aims. But many feel there are enormous practical problems to be sorted out. And, as one analyst commented, "it intends to be all things to all men and so begs many important questions".

One of the most crucial unmentioned issues is the tax situation of the new pensions.

Richard Thomson

GOLD FUTURES

Safety at a price for speculators

Anyone who takes up the offer from Preston Gardner, a firm of commodity advisers based in Bradford, to invest in its new Gold Plan has got to believe that gold is going to move far and fast if they are to cover their costs.

Not only does Preston Gardner claim that its Gold Plan is highly geared to any rise in gold futures, but also that the downside risk is limited to the cash originally put up by the investor. But like all these guarantees, the investor pays dearly for this security. Preston Gardner guarantees to cover any liabilities incurred if the price collapses so fast that margin calls exceed the investor's original stake. This guarantee is paid for in the charges.

The scheme works like this. Mr Chris Tipping of Preston Gardner, explains that the minimum investment is the equivalent of five ounces of spot gold – £1,335 at today's rates. The chosen market is Comex in New York, the world's biggest gold futures market, although Philadelphia, Toronto and Montreal may also be pressed into service.

The minimum margin deposit on Comex is 10 per cent of the value of the contract. Of the cash put up by the investor with Preston Gardner, 20 per cent is devoted to margin, so 20 per cent of five ounces of spot gold, produces a stake in 10 ounces of futures gold. This is the gearing. Commission for trading the futures is said to be normal. Churning (overtrading to generate commission) is avoided by taking positions in more distant dates and holding them. That leaves 80 per cent of your original cash investment.

And this is where the investor pays for his guarantees. Preston Gardner takes 5 per cent of your total investment as a management fee up front. The cash balance (80 per cent of your investment) is invested in the highest yielding easily realizable securities — at the moment, mainly US Treasury Bills. These are currently yielding around 10 per cent of which 3 per cent is passed on to the investor and Preston Gardner pockets the 7 per cent difference.

But there are problems for the investor too. For a start, the plan is unlikely to be attractive when the market is falling; second, a fairly rapid capital appreciation is needed to offset the virtual absence of income on the stake; third, the taxman tends to be tough on individuals he deems to be traders in futures; fourth, there is an exchange risk on converting into dollars.

One consolation, however, is that Preston Gardner is unlikely to vanish overnight. It is equally owned by M. C. Brackenbury, a member of the London Metal Exchange which it uses as broker, and Robert Jowitt, a very old Bradford wool broker.

Michael Prest

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities jump

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, July 16. Dealings End, July 27. § Contango Day, July 30. Settlement Day, Aug 6
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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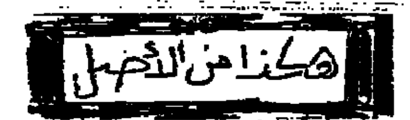
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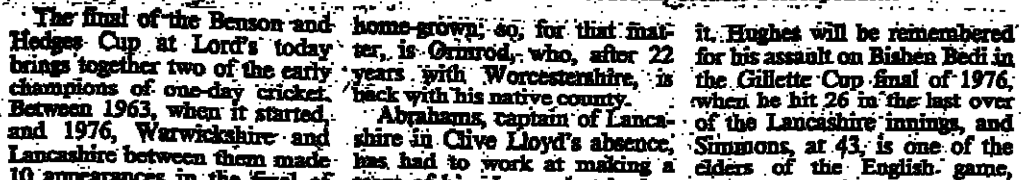
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CRICKET: FINAL OF BENSON AND HEDGES CUP



Genius of Kallicharran can deny Lancashire a coveted trophy

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The final of the Benson and Hedges Cup at Lord's today brings together two of the early champions of one-day cricket. Between 1963, when it started, and 1976, Warwickshire and Lancashire between them made 10 appearances in the final of the Gillette Cup. Since then they have both had enough of a struggle for one bookmaking firm, before the present season started, to lay each of them at 33-1 to win today's competition.

Unfashionable though that may make them, they are two interesting sides. If it would be fitting for Willis, in his last season, to lead Warwickshire to victory, Lancashire's need of a success is, if anything, the greater. Eight years have passed since they had a trophy of any sort to put on the shelf at Old Trafford.

Lancashire have now brought on some nice young players, though it is still the old soldiers, Hughes and Simmons, who, as often as not, star in the one-day games. The new ones are mostly home-grown; so, for that matter, is Ormrod, who, after 22 years with Worcestershire, is back with his native county.

Abrahams, captain of Lancashire in Clive Lloyd's absence, has had to work at making a team of his players, but he has got them to Lord's and much credit to him for that. There will be a special welcome for Allott, England's best bowler in the last Test match, and also for Fowler, who has been bearing the brunt, not unsuccessfully, of facing the West Indian bowlers at their freshest.

Two umpires, independently, have told me how highly they rate the left-handed Fairbrother – "the best prospect in England" was how one of them put it. Hughes will be remembered for his assault on Bishen Bedi in the *Gillette* Cup final of 1976, when he hit 26 in the last over of the Lancashire innings, and Simmons, at 43, is one of the elders of the English game, perhaps even its canniest slow bowler.

So much for Lancashire. A mountain could be built from the combined experience of Warwickshire's Willis, Gifford, Amiss, Old and Kallicharran; but they, too, have some young in their midst, including Dyer, a very tall Old Wellingtonian. Humpage, known otherwise as "Thumpage", is the most prolific batsman among the county wicketkeepers. If any of the Lancashire players should really get in, Warwickshire could be made to look decidedly staid, a problem in the making for Willis, whose last appearance at Lord's this could be.

But the one genious in today's game is Kallicharran. Estranged for the last two or three years from the West Indian Cricket Board, he has settled permanttely in England. Between May 1982 and the end of April this year he scored six double-hundreds in first-class cricket for Warwickshire, having never previously made one. I wonder if anyone in championship cricket can ever have scored so many in so short a time. If Lancashire allow him to settle in today, they are in trouble.

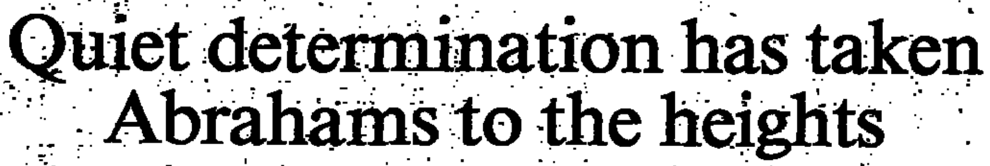
● Bob Taylor will not be in the Derbyshire side today against West Indies, the only country he has not played against in a Test match (the Press Association reports). He has not fully recovered from an elbow injury. Bernie Maher keeps wicket instead.

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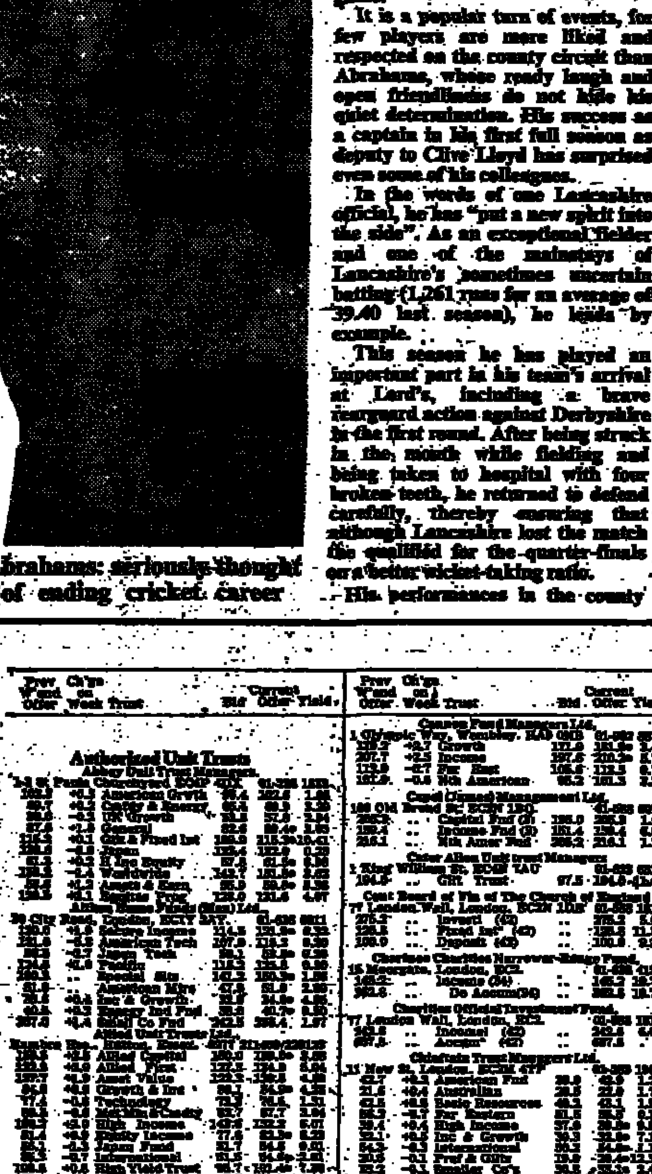
Today's teams at Lord's

LANCASHIRE (from): *J A Abrahams, G Fowler, J A Ormrod, S J O'Shaughnessy, D P Hughes, M H Fairbrother, †C Maynard or †J Stanworth, S T Jeffries, J Simmons, N A Radford, P J W Allott, M Watkinson.

WARWICKSHIRE (from): D L Amiss, R I H B Dyer, A I Kallicharran, †G W Humpage, A M Ferreira, P A Smith, C M Old, G C Small, N Gifford, *R G D Willis, C Lethbridge, K D Smith.



Quiet determination has taken Abrahams to the heights



Abrahams: seriously thought of ending cricket career

Like any other sport, cricket glories in tales of startling reversals of fortune. Few have been happier ones than that of John Abrahams, who celebrates his thirty-second birthday today by leading Lancashire at Lord's in the Benson and Hedges final less than three years after his lack of success had made him seriously consider giving up the game.

It is a popular turn of events, for few players are more liked and respected on the county circuit than Abrahams, whose ready laugh and open friendliness do not hide his quiet determination. His success as a captain in his first full season as deputy to Clive Lloyd has surprised even some of his colleagues.

In the words of one Lancashire official, he has "put a new spirit into the side". As an exceptional fielder and one of the mainstays of Lancashire's sometimes uncertain batting (1,261 runs for an average of 39.40 last season), he leads by example.

This season he has played an important part in his team's arrival at Lord's, including a brave rearguard action against Derbyshire in the first round. After being struck in the mouth while fielding and being taken to hospital with four broken teeth, he returned to defend carefully, thereby ensuring that although Lancashire lost the match they qualified for the quarter-finals on a better wicket-taking ratio.

His performances in the county championship have shown the same spirit of rising to the occasion in adversity, not an unusual requirement in Lancashire's disappointing performances in three-day matches. It was very evident when he became only the fourth Lancashire player to score a double-century in a county championship match since the war, against Warwickshire at Nuneaton in May. Typically, he came to the wicket with Lancashire at 77 for 3 and hit 32 fours and a six in reaching 201.

It was a telling sign that Abrahams' struggles to establish himself were a thing of the past, although he had been marked down as a promising talent more than a decade ago.

Hailed arrival

Cricket runs in his family. His two younger brothers both play as professionals in the Lancashire leagues, thereby following in the footsteps of their father, Cecil, who had come to England to play as a professional from Milnrow in the Central Lancashire League in 1960, following the trail set by his colleague in the South African non-white representative side, Basil d'Oliveira.

John made his county debut in Jack Bond's side in 1973 alongside Engineer, Lever, Shuttleworth, Lee, Hayes and the Lloyds, a team which was then approaching the end of its heyday. Abrahams played in the third of their consecutive visits to Lord's for the Gillette Cup finals of 1974, 1975 and 1976, but like other young players who had also arrived to the sound of trumpets he found himself struggling as the side was reshaped.

The county's failure to award him his county cap did not help, and things got worse, he stopped enjoying his cricket. "I sometimes thought I was fortunate to be offered another contract. I wouldn't have warrented it elsewhere, perhaps."

After nine seasons as an uncapped player, he seriously thought of ending his cricket career in the winter of 1981-82. "I was disillusioned, and when I went out to bat it just wasn't fun any more." Cedric Rhoades, the Lancashire chairman, persuaded him to give himself another year and "to go out and relax and enjoy playing again."

Abrahams took the message to heart, and began 1982 with a series of good scores. That gave the committee the opportunity to award him his cap. It was the sign that he needed and now, although he feels it is too late now for the England recognition for which he had once hoped, he looks forward to playing for another six or seven years and helping to influence Lancashire's revival. Today's final, their first for eight years, is a sign that he is already doing so.

Peter Ball

MOTOR RACING: PROST SETS PACE FOR BRITISH GRAND PRIX

Home straight: Warwick (top) and Mansell, of Britain, hope to prevent a foreign victory (Photographs: Norman Lomax)



FISA bow to High Court ruling

By John Blunsden

An uneasy peace descended over the Brands Hatch Circuit yesterday when, immediately following the first qualification runs, a FISA representative said that the sport's governing body was bowing to English law and acknowledging that as a result of Ken Tyrell's successful application for a High Court injunction, his team has been allowed to take part in the build-up to tomorrow's British Grand Prix, sponsored by John Player, and will take part if they qualify.

Both Tyrrell-Fords were in action yesterday and their drivers, Stefan Bellof and Stefan Johansson, were placed twenty-third and twenty-sixth respectiveley after the first practice session. It has also been confirmed that the race will continue to count as a round of the world championship, but that the whole matter concerning the Tyrrell team's earlier disqualification from the championship will be discussed by a tribunal which is expected to meet in Paris prior to the next championship round in Germany in two weeks' time. It is also possible that the status of tomorrow's race will be reconsidered, depending on the outcome of the Tyrrell's appeal. Yesterday, with the matter temporarily resolved, it was possible once again for minds to focus on Britain's premier motor race, which at one stage on Thursday evening, even seemed to be under the threat of a multi-team boycott.

Practice started badly, with a serious accident involving Johnny Cecotto, the 28-year-old Venezuelan driver, who was on his first flying lap of Brands Hatch. He lost control of his Toleman Hart at the 150 mph Westfield Bend, crashed into the barriers and was trapped in his car for 20 minutes with broken ankles and a damaged knee. He was flown by helicopter to St Mary's Hospital in Sidcup where he is in a stable condition.

FIRST OFFICIAL PRACTICE TIMES: 1, A Prost (Fr), McLaren TAG Porsche, 1 min 11.494 sec; 2, N Lauda (Aust), McLaren TAG Porsche, 1.11.598; 3, E de Angelis (It), Lotus Renault, 1.11.734; 4, A Senna (Braz), Toleman Hart, 1.11.890; 5, D Warwick (GB), Renault, 1.12.278; 6, N Mansell (GB), Lotus Renault, 1.13.184; 7, Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1.13.645; 8, M Winkelhock (W G), ATS BMW, 1.13.713; 9, K Rosberg (Fin), Williams Honda, 1.13.740; 10, P Tambay (Fr), Renault, 1.14.108; 11, R Arnoux (Fr), Ferrari, 1.14.281; 12, N Piquet (Braz), Brabham BMW, 1.14.568; 13, J Laffite (Fr), Williams Honda, 1.14.588; 14, R Patrese (It), Alfa Romeo, 1.14.871; 15, E Cheever (US), Alfa Romeo, 1.15.118; 16, T Boutsen (Bel), Arrows BMW, 1.15.359; 17, A de Cesaris (It), Ligier Renault, 1.16.116; 18, P Ghinzani (It), Osella Alfa Romeo, 1.16.468; 19, M Surer (Switz), Arrows BMW, 1.17.040; 20, F Hesnault (Fr), Ligier Renault, 1.17.384; 21, H Rothengatter (Neth), Spirit Hart, 1.17.665; 22, T Fabi (It), Brabham BMW, 1.17.731; 23, S Bellof (WG), Tyrrell Ford, 1.17.899; 24, J Palmer (GB), Ram Hart, 1.18.244; 25, J Gartner (Austria), Osella Alfa Romeo, 1.18.347; 26, S Johansson (Swe), Tyrrell Ford, 1.18.480; 27, P Alliot (Fr), Ram Hart, 1.24.043.

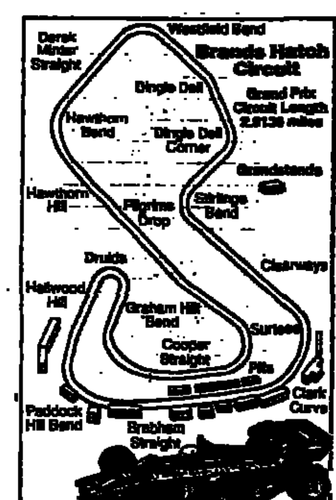
Repairing damage to the barriers caused a one and a half hour delay, and the traditional 90 minutes preliminary practice was reduced to 60 minutes. As a result, several teams were less prepared than usual for the hour-long first qualification run.

Cecotto's team colleague, Ayrton Senna, fastest in the preliminary session, again set the pace in the qualifying period with a lap in 1min 11.890sec, but Niki Lauda and then his partner, Alain Prost, provided a reminder of the Marlboro McLaren team's competitiveness by taking over at the top of the table of times. Prost eventually earned the champagne prize for the provisional pole position on the 26-car grid in a time of 1.11.494 at a speed of 131.573mph.

As anticipated, the JPS Lotus-Renaults were also among the pacesetters, with Elio De Angelis getting in a reasonably clear run to push Senna down to fourth, and Nigel Mansell securing sixth place behind Renault's Derek Warwick.

The Renault team have had a fraught few days. Kept in France by the dock strike, they hired a Super Guppy – claimed to be the largest transport aircraft in the world – flew their three cars and all their equipment to Gatwick then had to hire a 30-ton crane to unload them on Thursday evening. With time running out they concentrated on preparing their two race cars for qualifying, leaving their spare car until later.

But the decision back-fired when both cars blew their turbos at the beginning of the qualifications runs (they had probably been a little over optimistic with the boost pressure). Warwick only returned to the track in the closing minutes of qualifying and did well to record his fifth-place time without the luxury of a warm-up.



Nelson Piquet, the world champion, finished a disappointing twelfth of the qualifiers, complaining of lack of grip, while Teo Fabi in the other Brabham-BMW is, uncharacteristically, in twenty-second place half-way through the race build-up. Ferrari have two improved cars here with different sidepods, but Michele Alboreto's machine was hampered by an engine problem and René Arnoux's failed to get in a clean lap. Despite his poor practice performance, Piquet is quoted at 6-1 by Coral's to win tomorrow's race, behind Prost, the 3-1 favourirte, and Landa, at 7-2.

Unit Trust Prices - change on the week

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GOLF: THREE OLD HANDS STALK THE SECOND-ROUND LEADER

Open enjoys stirring day as Australian moves into a three-stroke lead

By Mitchell Platts

Ian Baker-Finch, an Australian who insists that his distant English relatives were not convicts, stole the show in the second round of the 113th Open championship with a 66 on the Old Course at St Andrews yesterday. It was a stirring effort on a heavenly day and Baker-Finch, who has a 10-under-par half-way aggregate of 134, moved three strokes ahead of Lee Trevino (67), Nick Faldo (68) and Severiano Ballesteros (68).

It was not entirely Australia's day, as Greg Norman lost his way on the inward nine as the wind got up to produce problems, although Tom Watson, partnering Norman, was unaffected as he moved closer towards the prospect of equalling Harry Vardon's record of six Open wins. For much of his round Bill Longmuir looked likely to move into second position until a seven at the 17th led to a 71 for 138. Fred Couples, who made an eagle two at the last, went round in 69, to be 139.

Baker-Finch has benefited from the advice of Peter Thomson – who gained one of his five Open wins at St Andrews – in much the same way that Ballesteros was helped earlier in his career by the wisdom of Roberto de Vicenzo.

Baker-Finch's only major problem in two superlative days came at the 10th in the first round, when he thought he had lost his ball. Fortunately, a spectator pointed out that some youngsters had stolen it and Baker-Finch was allowed to drop another ball, although Hale Irwin, his partner, while not disputing what had happened, was apparently unhappy at where the Australian was instructed to drop.

Even so, few can dispute Baker-Finch's right to be leading the field after a splendid round in which he dropped only one shot – three-putting the fourth – and collected seven birdies, which included a monster putt of 50 feet for a two at the eighth.

There is an unmistakeable feeling that the adrenalin is beginning to pump vigorously through Ballesteros again. For the first time this year he looked at ease with himself on the course as he went about the business of catching the leaders with the minimum of fuss. Perhaps the game is becoming fun again for the Spaniard, who has dawdled in the United States for most of the past six months, only occasionally compiling a score with any conviction.

What impressed most about Ballesteros was that he brandished the driver again with aggression while at the same time rediscovering a silky touch with his putter. Four of his six birdies were gathered with putts of more than 20 feet, including one, at the 18th which provided ample compensation for the inevitable shot that was dropped at the Road Hole. Indeed, he might have dropped two at the 17th since he required two strokes to escape from the Road bunker. But he popped his second out to four feet and then holed the putt.

Although the Royal and Ancient eased the position of the pins after the first round, there was little respite at the 17th, where Longmuir became a casualty following an excellent performance which promised at one stage to take him alongside Baker-Finch.

From the moment that his sand wedge to the third finished two feet from the hole for a birdie, there was every hope that Longmuir would retain a share of the lead that was his in the first round, when, like Norman and Jacobsen, he returned a 67. He took advantage of a helping wind at the 5th (564 yards), to reduce that hole to a driver and five iron. That made a birdie a formality, as did his sand wedge to six inches at the seventh. Then, after turning in 33, he drove the green at the 10th (342 yards) and marked another useful three on his card.

There was a disappointment at the 11th, for his eight-iron tee shot just caught the trap, so that he took four. But he played the next few holes patiently and was rewarded when a 30-footer disappeared in the hole at the 16th. He approached the 17th at nine under par, one behind Baker-Finch. Such was his confidence that he was prepared to attack from the tee, planning a four in his mind, and a birdie at the last. However, his arithmetic was undone as he came off the drive and the ball, helped by the wind, moved right and out of bounds.

That Longmuir should eventually take seven there, after also being compelled to play a recovery shot from the road, was more than a trifle unfair, as he had delivered the goods for most of the way in front of another appreciative packed house.

Longmuir confessed afterwards that he had been "dumb" to be so forceful at the 17th, and Trevino later confirmed that there is simply no plan of attack for the hole. "You play it as a par five and if you make a four, then you count that as a birdie", he said.

In fact, Trevino dropped one of his two shots there, but he had seven genuine birdies in a round that suggested he could repeat his Open triumphs of 1971 and 1972. He birdied each of the first three holes, using a sand wedge to approach the green on every occasion, but he also three-putted on two occasions and missed two other opportunities from inside 10 feet.

A few weeks ago, Trevino broke his beloved driver and is only now beginning to regain his confidence in the rebuilt club, which has a new shaft. He is also keeping his mind off the championship by spending much of his time making a film on the history of the game. "I was out with the film crew at 7 am", Trevino said. "It's fun.

What is remarkable, is that Trevino, at the age of 44 and 232 days, is now only a part-time golfer, since he also commentates for American television. So he is on the threshold of becoming the oldest winner of the Open this century.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	370	4	10	342	4
2	411	4	11	172	3
3	371	4	12	316	4
4	463	4	13	425	4
5	564	5	14	567	5
6	416	4	15	413	4
7	372	4	16	382	4
8	178	3	17	461	4
9	356	4	18	354	4
Out	3,501	36	In	3,432	36

Hole by hole

BAKER-FINCH: [illegible]
FALDO: [illegible]
BALLESTEROS: [illegible]
TREVINO: [illegible]
LONGMUIR: [illegible]
WADKINS: [illegible]



Something to smile about: Baker-Finch (top) leads while Trevino chases (Photographs: Ian Stewart)

Faldo must develop a killer instinct

By John Hennessy

Nick Faldo, like Severiano Ballesteros, came to St Andrews this week with little recent form to pick him out of the pack. But like the Spaniard, he too seems to thrive on the big occasion. Whether or not he can develop Ballesteros's killer instinct remains to be seen over the next two tumultuous days of Open golf.

At 21, Faldo was joint seventh over the same course in 1978; since then he has never been lower than twelfth and in the last two seasons particularly he has waived the flag boldly on the last day. He is a more experienced golfer now in all respects than in 1978, and may even, on such an occasion, be able to throw off the domestic upheaval of a pending divorce action.

Faldo yesterday was accompanied by Craig Stadler, of America, and Nick Price, of South Africa, two golfers of much distinction, the former a winner of the United States Masters two years ago, the latter the present holder of the World Series title. Yesterday, however, they wer made to play-on parts as Faldo, not without an occasional alarm, piled on the pressure with a splendid round of 68, four under par, to add to his 69 of the day before. Stadler now lies eight strokes in his wake, Price 10 strokes.

With his handsome swing and commanding presence on a golf course, Faldo is an arresting figure in any case, but a beautifully judged pitch shot over the Swilcan burn to eight feet and a sweetly rolled putt immediately quickened the public pulse. His sand wedge asked more of him at the third, not surprisingly, since he had driven uncomfortably close to a gorse bush, but again the putter obeyed his demand from 20 feet.

By now he was five under par for the tournament, but even in yesterday morning's blissful conditions the Old Lady of St Andrews is not to be treated with disrespect. The long fifth (564 yards) provided a timely reminder by trapping his drive in one of seven bunkers awaiting the pushed tee shot. She was making him pay for his eagle there on Thursday.

Thanks to his equable temperament, however, Faldo remained admirably unmoved, and after two model fours he gathered in five birdies from the next six holes. Nor, with immaculate short irons, did he need any luck on the green, for he holed out three times from only four feet, once from eight feet and once from 12 feet. Embedded in this flurry of birdies, however, was a four at the short 11th after he had underclubbed with a seven iron into a bunker.

Short of a loss of control; only the 17th now threatened his position. It duly extracted a stroke. From a superb tee shot faded over the country club sheds, he took too much club (a one iron) for his second and finished uncomfortably close to the wall over the road. With no swing possible, he went down the shaft of an eight-iron, using his wrists as a fulcrum for rigid arms. He coaxed the ball brilliantly onto the green, but alas the 8ft putt eluded him.

He made partial amends with a much longer putt at the last after pitching into the Valley of Sin; ispired rather than daunted by a huge gallery, it seemed. Could they, perhaps, have something even more exhilarating to applaud tomorrow evening?

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*Denotes amateur

CYCLING

Kelly denied final flourish to his day

From John Wilcockson
Villefranche-sur-Saone

Sean Kelly has never raced better than in the past four days of the Tour de France. He has finished ahead of the great Bernard Hinault on each of the three tough mountain stages and yesterday he turned to sprinting to pick up 50 seconds of time bonuses to lift him to fifth place on overall time. Kelly made one mistake on the mammoth 200-mile twenty-first stage and that was to make his effort too late in the exciting charge for the finish line. He had the speed to come past Frank Hoste of Belgium and Jack Hanegraaf of The Netherlands, but just as he began to come between them, the Dutch rider swerved and the gap was closed.

The Irish rider had to slow and then ted to come round the outside of Hoste, but it was too late. The tall Belgian, who has worn the points leader's green jersey for 16 stages, held on for his third stage win. Kelly was only third.

The 35 points Hoste gained for his victory, to the 26 points of Kelly were enough for him to retain the emblem o points leadership.

Both LeMond and Hinault were active in he extremely fast final hour of racing yesterday. For a long time it looked as though two French riders, Alain Bondue and Marc Madiot, would hang on to a tenuous lead, but the Panasonic-Raleigh team of Phil Anderson worked like Trojans to put an end to the escape.

Paul Sherwen, who has not had an easy Tour, twice tried to break clear in the final four miles, but the speed was much to great. After all of their hard work, the Panasonic team received nothing in return. Their best sprinter, Eric Vanderaerden, crashed two miles from the chequered flag. He will be trying again to win on the Champs Elysées tomorrow, as will Kelly.

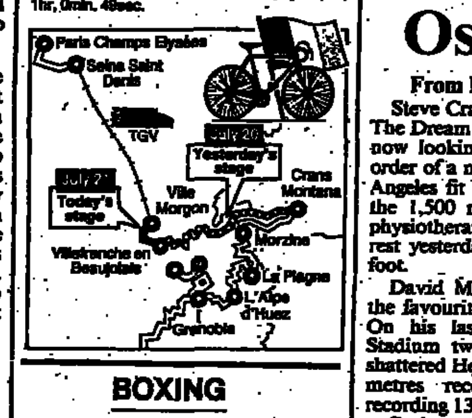
At a so-called flying stage in the outskirts of Geneva, midway through the long, unbearably hot day, Kelly scored a brilliant sprint win to take over the points lead temporarily. On a wide road that carved to the left before the final straight, he wisly held the inside as Hanegraaf led Hoste in the centre. Kelly was looking back as he crossed the line to see the green jersey in sixth place.

Kelly could improve on his fifth place by the finish of the Tour in Paris tomorrow. He has a mere five-minutes deficit on a brilliant Robert Millar, whose fourth place is the highest since Tom Simpson came sixth in the 1962 Tour de France. Millar will have to fight hard to maintain his place on today's time trial through the Beaujolais vineyards, but it is not beyond his capabilities.

The other battle will be for second place between Hainault and Greg LeMond, the world champion. The young American has more than one minute to make up, a time that he will only be able to overcome if he races at the height of his huge ability.

RESULTS: Stage 21: Crans Montana to Villefranche, 200 miles: 1, F Hoste (Bel) 9 hr 28 min 06 sec; 2, J Hanegraaf (Neth) 3, S Kelly (Ire); 4, B Hinault (Fr); 5, H Manders (Bel); 6, G Glaus (Switz); 7, F Castaing (Fr); 8, A Wijnands (Neth); 9, J van den Brande (Bel); 10, P Anderson (Aus), all same time. Other placings: 14, G LeMond (US) same time.

Overall positions: 1, L Fignon (Fr), 105hr, 32min, 44 sec; 2, B Hinault (Fr), at 9min, 56sec; 3, G LeMond (US) 11min, 45sec; 4, Millar, 11min, 45sec; 5, Kelly, 16min, 35sec; 6, P Simon (Fr), 16min, 51sec; 7, A Arroyo (Sp), 17min, 05sec; 8, P Muñoz (Sp), 22min, 18sec; 9, C Criquielion (Bel), 25min, 12sec; 10, N Ruttimann (Switz), 26min, 28sec. Other placings: 11, Anderson, 27min, 52sec; 21, S Roche (Ire), 47min, 19sec; 31, J Boyer (US) 1hr, 0min, 49sec.



BOXING

Graham has new target

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Herol Graham, who used to be the British, European and Commonwealth light-middleweight champion, sets out tomorrow to make his mark in the world as a middleweight. Even though Graham as a light-middleweight has beaten middleweights and even light heavyweights, leading British middleweights have had little to do with him, claiming that he has yet to prove himself by campaigning full-time in the division.

That is why Graham has picked Lindell Holmes, of Toledo, as his opponent at Sheffield United's ground tomorrow. Holmes has not only knocked out Britain's Roy Gumbs in seven rounds but has beaten Buster Drayton, who knocked out Jimmy Cable in one round and Mark Kaylor in seven. If Graham impresses at Bramall Lane, both Kaylor, as British champion, and Tony Sibson, as European champion, would have to start thinking of facing the Sheffield boxer, who is unbeaten

Middleweights do not like Graham's quirky hit-and-run style and do not fancy chasing after him

Holmes is stockily built and has won his last three contests with quick knock-outs. He "comes to fight", as they say in the trade. So he could prove an easy target for Graham's long arms, but I expect there will be many moments whn we shall see Graham wriggling and squirming out of tight corners.

● Paris, (Reuter) – David Pearce, the British heavyweight champion, should receive his long-overdue European title bout payment from French organizers soon and Jimmy Cable should have his already, the French Boxing Federation said yesterday.

The federation's administrative director Jacques Maillard, said he was expecting to hear soon that the Limoges organisers had transferred the money due to Pearce for his unsuccessful challenge against the European heavyweight champion, Lucien Rodriguez, on March 30.

A telegram from the Toulouse promoters said money had been transferred for Cable, who won the vacant European light-middleweight title against Said Skouma in Toulouse on May 25.

CRICKET

India and Pakistan to host World Cup

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

By a narrow margin, the International Cricket Conference voted at their annual meeting at Lord's on Wednesday and Thursday to accept the offer by India and Pakistan to hold the fourth World Cup jointly in 1987. It will be the first time that it has not been staged in England.

In theory, it is right and proper for the tournament to be passed round – I hope Australia will promote it one day – and the harmony which prompted India and Pakistan to make their bid is pleasing. Having said that the chaos is horrific.

They find it hard enough in both countries to move even one side expeditiously from one country to another. With eight countries and their fellow travellers to contend with, all the worries which this will involve – whether to do with accommodation or immigration, food, drink, or currency, umpiring, sunburn, politics or late monsoons – the organization required will be daunting.

From last year's tournament, Zimbabwe, who qualified by winning the ICC Trophy for Associate members (to be held again, in 1987, in the United Kingdom), drew £107,000, and full member countries will each be guaranteed £75,000, plus their expenses, from a pool of £1 million. It could be more, but that will depend on the takings. There will be a total of £360,000 to be divided between the 18 associate members of the Conference.

There is sure to be much excitement of one kind and another. Two days will be allocated to each match, with only 60 overs needing to be bowled on each day, to give every chance of a result. The evenings are so short in India and Pakistan that there would be no other way, without starting before breakfast, of avoiding the twilight.

The weather, in fact, would be more acceptable and also more predictable in February and March; but even as far ahead as 1987 PBL (the Packer subsidiary which markets cricket in Australia) have "booked the tee" for those months; and West Indies will be in New Zealand. Though all such details have yet to be finalized, umpires may be flown in to stand

The question of South Africa was not officially discussed at the ICC meeting. With so many non-white countries belonging to the Conference, the South African Cricket Union know that, however much they multi-racialize their own game, they are banging their heads against a brick wall so far as the ICC are concerned.

Short-pitched bowling and over rates had their annual airing, the Conference again shirking a hard line on bouncers. Member countries were also reminded that on no account must one try and interfere on political grounds with the selection of another's team.

The West Indian Board are already having to concern themselves with the possible repercussions of a Guyanese ban on any English players who have toured South Africa, some of whom may be back in the England side by the time they are due to tour the Caribbean in 1986. It is good news that Allan Rae, president of the West Indian Cricket Board, now recognizes the West Indian cricket team as being "of vital importance to the West Indian community and therefore to the politicians." There, unequivocally for once, speaks the cricket administrator.

West Indian piracy

By Michael Berry

WEST BROMWICH: West Indians drew with Minor Counties

The West Indians, having used Thursday as little more than a glorified net practice, had all but killed the game. Their decision to bat on for an extra hour yesterday morning effectively hung, drew and quartered it.

On such a placid pitch they could surely not have expected to bowl out the Minor Counties twice in less than a day and there were many who thought that they ridiculed both the contest and occasion. It was not what I would call entertaining cricket, but at least the hospitality of English Estates, the sponsors, was as welcoming as ever to provide some comfort on a meaningless day.

Allin light-heartedly milked the applause when bowling Payne, and Collyer and Greensword took excellent outfield catches before the tourists declared at 556 for 7.

Thankfully, the early order batsmen of the Minor Counties did themselves justice. Atkinson, a 31-year-old from Durham, and Fowler, a left-hander from Oxfordshire who is usualy an aggressive starter, both got behind the line against Walsh and Davies.

Atkinson, a sweet scorer off his legs, hit 11 fours in a fluent 76 and was named man of the match by Geoff Pullar, the former England player.

WEST INDIANS: First innings

D L Haynes c Atkinson b Johnston	169
H A Gomes b Surridge	14
A L Logie l-b-w b Surridge	0
I V A Richards b Stone	109
†T R O Payne b Allin	120
P J Dujon c Collyer b Surridge	77
E A E Baptiste not out	44
R A Harper c Greensword b Stone	1
Extras (b 5, l-b 15, w 2)	22
Total (7 wkts dec)	556

*C H Lloyd, C A Walsh and W W Davies did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–33, 2–33, 3–185, 4–357, 5–484, 6–546, 7–556.

BOWLING: Surridge 22-4-80-3; Johnston 23-2-106-1; Greensword 21-6-72-0; Allin 15-2-98-1; Plumb 16-2-84-0; Stone 22-1-11-2.

Second innings

E A E Baptiste not out	2
R A Harper not out	5
Extras (n-b 2)	2
Total (no wkt)	9

BOWLING: Riddell 1-0-7-0.

MINOR COUNTIES: First innings

S R Atkinson lbw b Davis 76	76
P A Fowler lbw b Harper	31
S Greensword c Walsh b Davis	48
S G Plumb c Harper b Walsh	28
N A Riddell b Walsh	5
*F E Collyer c Haynes b Gomes	0
C Stone c Davis b Gomes	2
†C Payne b Walsh	5
D Surridge c Harper c Gomes	14
A W Allin c and b Richards	7
J Johnston not out	1
Extras (b8, lb9, w1, nb9)	25
Total	240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–82, 2–170, 3–173, 4–189, 5–192, 6–208, 7–218, 8–218, 9–232, 10–240.

BOWLING: Davis 14-2-88-2; Walsh 11-6-17-3; Harper 17-6-63-1; Gomes 11-3-29-3; Baptiste 8-2-30-0; Richards 2-0-8-1.

UMPIRES: D Norton and D B Harrison.

ATHLETICS

Cram out of Oslo mile

From Pat Butcher, Oslo

Steve Cram has pulled out of the The Dream Mile here tonight and is now looking for something in the order of a miracle to get him to Los Angeles fit and fast enough to win the 1,500 metres gold medal. His physiotherapist advised two days of rest yesterday for his swollen right foot.

David Moorcroft is now one of the favourites for the Dream Mile. On his last visit to the Bislett Stadium two years ago Moorcroft shattered Henry Rono's world 5,000 metres record by six seconds, recording 13min, 0.42sec.

Graham Williamson, who beat Cram in Edinburgh on Tuesday is also running, and the organizers are trying to persuade Peter Elliott to move up from 800 metres. But he would be better advised to stick to his Olympic distance this close to the Games. If he does he will meet Ikem Billy, fresh from a surprise victory over Steve Ovett in an impromptu 800 metres (1min 46.11sec to 1min 46.41sec) in Narvik, two nights ago.

● Uwe Hohn of East Germany shattered the world record in the men's javelin with a throw of 104.30 metres in East Berlin yesterday. Hohn, 22, beat the former record of 99.72 metres set by the American Tom Petranoff last year.

HOCKEY

AMSTERDAM: Netherlands 2, Australia 0. (Teams level 1-1 after 3-match series.)

IN BRIEF

Bid is made for Cardiff

While hopes rose yesterday for the survival of Fulham, another "outpost" rugby league club, Cardiff City, announced negotiations for a possible take-over (Keith Macklin writes).

The board at Ninian Park are considering a bid from a consortium of five. Cardiff have been unable to gain promotion from the second division and have struggled to establish sufficient home support.

Fulham, who announced on Wednesday that they would not be carrying on with the sport at Craven Cottage, have received advice from Roy Close, a quantity surveyor

● The British team for the second international at Christchurch on Sunday shows three changes from that which lost 12-0 to New Zealand last weekend. Gregory is chosen at scrum half, Lydon comes in on the left wing for the unjured Schofield, and Hanley has been moved to centre.

TENNIS: Britain will gamble on playing their Davis Cup tie against Yugoslavia on grass. The match, which will decide whether Britain stay in the top group or are relegated to the European Zone, will be played at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, from September 28-30.

FOOTBALL: Aidan Butterworth, aged 22, a first-team regular for Leeds United last season, is giving up the game to return to college. Eddie Gray, the Leeds manager said yesterday: "Aidan is a bit disillusioned about the game.

BOWLS

Bryant recovers to win

David Bryant came close to defeat before winning his opening singles match in the world championships at Aberdeen yesterday. The defending champion appeared to be heading for a reverse at the hands of the tenacious Welshmann Spencer Wilshire, but he played his way back to win 21-20 in 27 ends.

Bryant, seeking his third singles gold medal, was in trouble at 16-18 but delivered a superb last bowl to collect a valuable single. After Wilshire, a late replacement in the Wesh side, collected two more shots to open up a 20-17 lead, Bryant's brilliance under pressure again showed itself. He drew two shots at the 26th end then squeezed home with another two on a replayed 27th end.

SINGLES: Section A: K Bryant (Eng) 21, S Wilshire (Wales) 20; D Cordil (Ire) 21, J Kelcaida (Botswana) 14; R Jones (Can) 21, S Patton (Fiji) 11; N McInnes (USA) 21, D Thomson (Swaziland) 12. Section B: K Williams (Aus) 21, G Souza (HK) 9; G Beare (Zim) 21, M Nicolle (Guern) 11; J Dannevig (Arg) 21, J Jones (Jersey) 3.0

FOURS: Section A: Ireland (S Espie, S Allen, T Kennedy, J Baker) 14, Zimbabwe (A Berstein, S Shiel, T Vincent, M Vollgraaf) 19; Papua New Guinea 25, Kenya 14; Wales (R Weale, J Anstey, G Price, B Hawkins) 17, Hong Kong (P Chok, E Chok, M Hassan, O Dallah) 19; USA 20, Swaziland 23. Section B: England (G Turley, J Haines, J Bell, A Allcock) 22, Scotland (B Rattray, D Lambert, J Boyle, D Gourlay) 18; Canada 20, Botswana 16; Fiji 24, Argentina 15.

SHOOTING

Berkshire win cup on tie-breaker

By Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent

Berkshire won the King George VI Challenge Cup in the final of the English County Rifle championship at Bisley yesterday after beating Hertfordshire by two points on a tie-break.

They both scored 1,163 and 1,200 with teams of eight shooting at 300, 500 and 600 yards, and the tie-break was based on the 600 yards range where Berkshire had 390 against Hertfordshire's 388.

RESULTS: King George V Challenge Cup (English county championship): 1, Berkshire 1,163/390; 2, Hertfordshire 1,163/388; 3, Worcester and Hereford 1,160. Zimbabwe Trophy: (Service Rifle International): 1, Gt Britain 2,490; 2, Canadian Forces, 2,227; 3, United Arab Emirates, 2,141; 4, Sultan of Oman's land forces, 2,132. Public Schools Veterans Trophy: 1, Old Johnians 242; 2, Uppingham Veterans 240; 3, Old Victorians 240. Public Schools aggregate: 1, Malvern 1,248; 2, Sedbergh 1,248 (after tie); 3, Wellington 1,245. Reserve Trophy (Schools individual): H Forcer-Evans (Rugby) 48. Spencer Mellish Tankard: 1, W Tatwright (Marlborough) 49; 2, W Mott (Nottingham) 48. Services Pistol teams: 1, Army, 2,273; 2, Royal Navy, 2,205; 3, RAF 2,205. SMG Teams Cup: 1, GR 488; 2, RAF Strike Command 487; 3, 1 Welsh Guards 485. Service Pistol Cup: 1, W/Cmndr M J Gregory (RAF) 108; 2, F/Lt D Calvert (RAF) 106; 3, W/O 2 R O'Neill (7th LI) 106.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

TODAY

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup Final
Lords: Lancashire v Warwickshire (11.0-7.30).

Tour match
Derby: Derbyshire v West Indians (11.30-6.30).
MINOR COUNTIES: Bedford: Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire.
Women's international (One-day): Bristol: England v New Zealand.

GOLF
St Andrews: Open Championship.

MOTOR RACING
BRANDS HATCH: British Grand Prix, practice.

OTHER SPORT
ATHLETICS: Southern Counties AAA U-20 Championships (Crystal Palace NSC, 11.0).
CROQUET: Open championships, (Hurlingham).
TENNIS: Frinton-on-Sea tournament.
ROAD RUNNING: Belgrave 20 mile (Wimbledon, 3.0).
POWER BOATS: Round Britain.
AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Tampa Bay Bandits v Philadelphia Stars (Wembley Stadium, 5.30).
SPEEDWAY: Meetings at Coventry, Kings Lynn, Belle Vue, Cradley Heath, Berwick Canterbury and Stoke.

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Tour match
DERBY: Derbyshire v West Indians (12.0-7.0)

John Player League (2.0-6.40 or 7.0)
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Yorkshire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Essex
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Lancashire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Sussex
MINOR COUNTIES: BEDFORD: Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire; STOCKTON ON TEES: Durham v Lincolnshire; KNYPERSLEY: Staffordshire v Cumberland; FINCHAMPSTEAD: Berkshire v Buckinghamshire; OXFORD: Oxfordshire v Somerset II
WHITBREAD VILLAGE (quarter-finals): Fulbeck v Marchwiel; Frys Valley v Lindal Moor; Huesley Park v Leigh; Roche v Aston Rowant.

GOLF
ST ANDREWS: British Open championship.

MOTOR RACING
BRANDS HATCH: British Grand Prix.

OTHER SPORT
ATHLETICS: Southern Counties AAA U-20 Championships (Crystal Palace NSC, 12.0).
ROAD RUNNING: Bracknell '5' (3.15).

FOR THE RECORD

EQUESTRIANISM

FALSTERBO, Sweden: International Horse Show: Swedish derby and grand prix: Second qualifying round: 1, T Fruhmann (Austria) David, 39.8sec; 2, L Nilsson (Swe) VT86 Toto, 42.0; 3, B Kamps (WG) Saloniki, 44.9; 4, M Ruping (WG) Silbersee, 46.0; 5, E Van der Vlueten (Neth) Expo Graphic, 47.0; 6, L Parmler (Sw) Copperfield, 47.5. Nations Cup: First round: 1, West Germany 4.25 penalty pts (K Huck, Calando, 90sec, B Kamps, Saloniki, 89.9 and 4 pen pts, P Weinberg, Lemur, 99.2/4.75, M Ruping, Silbersee, 93.4/0.25). 2, Austria 8.25 pen pts. 3, Sweden 13.0 pen pts.

RUGBY UNION

MELBOURNE: Tour Match Victoria 3, New Zealand 65.

FOOTBALL

MONTEVIDEO: International: Uruguay 1, Argentina 0.
NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE. Eastern division: Chicago Sting 2, San Diego Sockers 1.
LIBERTADORES CUP Group 1 play-off: Gremio 0, Flamengo 0 (Gremio qualify for final on superior goal average)

BADMINTON

JAKARTA: Indonesian open: British results: Men's singles, third round: S Baddeley bt S Kukasemkij (Thai) 15-5, 15-2. Quarter-final: M Frost (Den), bt Baddeley 15-8, 15-4. Women's singles, first round: H Troke bt R Tarsinidz (Indo) 11-3, 11-0; E Ratnangsih (Indo) bt K Beckman wo, S Podger bt Sumah (Indo) 11-0, 11-2; G Gowers bt R Ibrahim (Indo) 11-1, 11-8. Second round: Podger bt Sarwendah (Indonesia), 10-12, 11-4, 11-3; Gowers bt E Latief (Indonesia), 11-5, 11-9; S Ljaer (Den), bt J Webster, 11-5, 11-6; I Lie (Indonesia), bt G Clark, 11-4, 11-7; Troke bt J Poon (Mal), 7-11, 11-2, 11-0. Third round: Troke bt Gu Jiaming (China), 11-7, 5-11, 12-11; Wu Jianqiu (China), bt T Gowers, 11-6, 11-4; Hae Young Hwang (South Korea), bt T Podger, 3-11, 12-11, 11-7. Quarter-finals: Lie bt Troke, 11-7, 11-7.

BASEBALL

KINDERLEY, CANADA: World junior championships: Canada 11, Dominican Republic 3; Taiwan 27, Belgium 0; United States 11, Nicaragua 0; Panama 6, Australia 3; Cuba 11, South Korea 4.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 9, Texas [illegible]

BOARDSAILING

SAINT-CAST, France: [illegible]

BASKETBALL

TORONTO: Four nation tournament: Canada 99, Yugoslavia 97; Italy 102, Australia 83. Canada win tournament.

CYCLING

WOMEN'S TOUR DE FRANCE: 16th stage (Amberieux en Bugey – Villefranche-sur-Saone, 36 miles): 1, C Meyer (Neth) 1hr 22min 47sec; 2, C Le Gal (Fr) 1:22.52; 3, M Wells (Can) 1:22.57; 4, V Simonnet (Fr) 1:23.02; 5, D Schumway (US) 1:23.02. Overall: 1, M Martin (US) 26:35.00; 2, H Hage (Neth) 26:38.17; 3, Schumway 26:46.36; 4, Simonnet 26:47.18; 5, C Lutz (Fr) 26:48.47

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: Open Championship: DOUBLES: Semi-finals: G N Aspinall and S N Mulliner bt B G Neal and E W Solomon +26, +12tpo; E Ball and J Rose bt A B Hope and M Murray +17tp, –18, +17. SINGLES: Quarter-finals: S N Mulliner bt C H L Prichard +22, +12; S E Lewis bt Mr W R D Wiggins –26, +13, +17.
ASSOCIATION PLATE: Draw, Second round: G W Nobles bt M A Holford +15; D Peterson bt K E Jones +10; T Barlow bt K Jones (US) +12; D J Croker bt M Ormerod +4; R Bamford bt F J H Wright +15; M J Stevens bt P L Smith +10.

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Clark Cup: Final: Repton bt Symond's 2-0. D Ison bt M Bray 6-4, 6-3; S Heron bt J Vinnall 6-2, 6-2.
Yatman Cup: Final: A Brasher (Repton) bt W Compton (Newstead Wood) 6-2, 6-4.
BOSTON: United States Professional Championships: Second round: J-L Clerc (Arg), bt M Ostoja (Yug) 7-5, 6-2; A Gomez (Ec), bt E Adams (US) 6-0, 6-2; M Dickson (US), bt T Allan (Aus) 6-3, 6-2; A Krickstein (US), bt J Soares (Br) 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; P Slozil (Cz), bt C Motta (Br) 6-4, 6-3; M Westphal (WG), bt R Arguello (Arg) 3-6, 7-6, 6-0; P Arraya (Peru), bt H Solomon (US) 6-4, 6-0; M Purcell (US), bt F Gonzales (Par) 6-3, 6-3; J Alexander (Aus), bt J Aguilera (Sp) 6-3, 5-7, 7-5; F Luna (Sp), bt R Tanner (US) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. Third round: M Leach (US), bt B Willenborg (US) 7-6, 6-7, 6-2.
BASTAD: Swedish Open: Women's singles, semi-finals: C Anderholm (Swe), bt G Dinu (WG) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; A Gulley (Aus), bt P Whytcross (US) 6-3, 6-2.
TEL AVIV: Davis Cup: European Zone 'A' Semi-final: S Glickstein and S Perkis (Is), bt H and M Gunthardt 11-9, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. (Israel lead Switzerland 2-1).
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YACHTING

CHANNEL WEEK: Race Two (Torquay to Poole): Class III: 1, Aphrodiz Yacht; 2, Delnic; 3, Peau D'Bouc. Class IV: 1, Minipyge; 2, Artikone; 3, Ordalie. Class V: 1, Beep Beep; 2, Tchaika; 3, Copernique Star. Classes VI-VIII: 1, Hullabaloo; 2, P'Tit Louis; 3, La Delirante. Channel Handicap series: 1, Flor di Lecci; 2, Rabble Rouser; 3, Hygie.
Race Three (Poole to Cowes): Class III: 1, Gestibelza; 2, Peau d'Bouc; 3, Rakau. Class IV: 1, Artikone IV; 2, Ordalie; 3, Iolaire. Class V: 1, Copernique Star; 2, Tchaika; 3, Double Plush. Class VI: 1, Hullabaloo; 2, La Delirante; 3, P'tit Louis. Channel Handicap Class: 1, Boadicea; 2, Hygie; 3, Spirit. Best corrected time: Boadicea.
CLYDE: Scottish National Sonata Championship: 1, Marimba (P Marchant, Burnham SC), 2.75 pts; 2, Micky Finn II (M J Forbes, Royal Northern & Clyde YC) 3.75; 3, (equal) Impromptu (P Sonksen, Itchenor SC) and Popinjay V (J Highcock, Helensborough SC) 13; 5, (equal) Peshwa IV (I Mitchell, Holy Loch SC) and Maggie May (A J Fidlay, Royal Gourock YC) 14.
Scottish Pride National Sonata Championship: Points Leaders: 1, Micky Finn II (M J Forbes, Royal Northern Clyde YC) 4.50pts; 2, Marimba (P Marchant, Burnham SC) 6.75; 3, Popinjay V (J Highcock, Helensborough SC) 16; 4, Impromptu (P Sonksen, Itchenor SC) 19; 5, Peshwa IV (I Mitchell, Holy Loch SC) 21; 6, Oh Pussa I (G T P Brownrigg, RN & CYC) 22.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WELLINGTON, New Zealand: Tour Match: Central Districts 6, Great Britain 38.

ROWING

JONKOPING, Sweden: World junior championships: Semi-finals: Women's junior: Double sculls: First heat: 1, East Germany 3min 27.35sec. Second heat: 1, Soviet Union 3:25.70. Single sculls: First heat: 1, Romania 3:42.82. Second heat: 1, East Germany, 3:39.3. 2, New Zealand 3:47.16. Men's junior: Coxed fours: First heat: 1, East Germany 4:42.51; 2, Italy 4:45.33; 3, West Germany 4:46.73; 4, GB 4:46.89. Second heat: 1, Australia 4:46.82. Double sculls: First heat: 1, East Germany, 4:51.07. Second heat: 1, Italy 4:56.13; 2, GB 4:55.42. Single sculls: First heat: 1, East Germany, 5:13.82. Second heat: 1, Netherlands 5:20.05. Eights: First heat: 1, East Germany, 4:18.19. Second heat: 1, France 4:18.99; 2, US 4:20.26; 3, West Germany 4:23.31; 4, GB 4:25.33.

GOLF

LINDRICK: English Women's County Championships finals: Foursomes: Surrey 2, Glamorgan 1; Staffordshire 1, Yorkshire 2. Singles: Surrey 5, Glamorgan 4; Staffordshire 5, Yorkshire 4; Yorkshire 3, Surrey 3; Staffordshire 2½, Glamorgan 3½. Match results: Yorkshire 5, Surrey 4; Staffordshire 5½, Glamorgan 3½.

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Surrey	3	2	1	16	11	4
Yorkshire	3	2	1	16	11	4
Staffs	3	2	1	12½	14½	4
Glamorgan	3	0	3	9½	17½	0

PITTSFORD, New York: Rochester international Tournament: First round leaders (US unless stated): 68: C Marino. 69: D Eggling. 70: R Jones, K Young, D Austin. 71: P Bradley, K O'Brien, S Haynie. 72: T Hession, S Bertolaccini (Arg), T Luckhurst, A Rheinhardt. British score: 80: C Panton.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Exmouth: Cornwall 184 for 7 dec (J Graham-Brown 84) and 204 for 9 dec (J M Craddick 72, P Considine 5 for 81); Devon 187 for 2 dec (A Zahid 76, R C Tolchard 84) and 203 for 7 (Zahid 58, D A Tosseland 4 for 48) Devon won by 3 wickets. Cambridge: Suffolk 190 for 9 dec (P D Barker 56, D R Parry four for 45) and 207 (G Morgan 107 P Osborn 6 for 76). Cambridge 172 (Parry 77, P W E Rawson 4 for 29, C Rutherford 4 for 31) and 226 for 5 (G I Burgess 54). Cambridgeshire won by 5 wickets.
WOMEN'S TOUR MATCH: Wolverhampton: West Midlands 85 (E Signal 5 for 26) New Zealand 88 for 5. New Zealand won by 5 wickets.

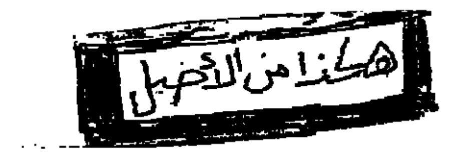
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIPS

DOVER: Hampshire 261 and 95; Kent 245 and 114 for 2. Kent won by 8 wkts.
THE OVAL: Yorkshire 347 for 4 dec (M D Moxon 71, R J Blakey 83, J D Love 72, and 64 for 2), Surrey 139 (D W Jarvis 7 for 32) and 241 (A J Stewart 79; P A Booth 4 for 60). Yorkshire won by 8 wkts.
MOSELEY: Lancashire 308 for 8 dec and 48 for 0; Warwickshire 78 (B Patterson 5 for 27) and 449 for 9 dec (K D Smith 100, Half Din 96). Drawn.
EASTBOURNE: Sussex 196 and 322 for 6 (J Prentis 118 not out, D Callaghan 102 not out); Nottinghamshire 388 for 6 dec. Drawn.
HINCKLEY: Middlesex 389 for 9 dec and 226 for 1 dec (K R Robert 116 not out, L P Tomlins 77 not out); Leicestershire 316 for 6 dec and 278 for 6 (M D Haysman 75, K N Foyle 74, R A Cobb 50).

THURSDAY'S EVENING RACING

Hamilton Park

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RACING: PULBOROUGH TRAINER POISED FOR TREBLE

Raft can sustain rise in Harwood's fortunes

By Mandarin

The dark clouds hanging over Guy Harwood's virus-affected stable finally seem to be lifting. There have been encouraging signs of late that the Pulborough team is recovering form, and I expect the momentum to continue at Newbury today when the stable can celebrate a treble with Old Bailey (3.30), Raft (4.0) and Gourtionist (4.30).

A good deal of attention will be focused on Raft's comeback in the Steventon Stakes. It is the intention of Harwood, in Kentucky for the Keeneland Sales, to take on El Gran Señor in York's Benson and Hedges Gold Cup next month if Raft passes today's test with flying colours.

His progress will be carefully monitored by Geoff Lawson, Harwood's able assistant, and while Raft's career has been confined to two juvenile appearances last season there is no doubting the high esteem in which he is held.

After beating a big field of maidens at Newmarket comfortably, Raft went to Salisbury in August and showed an emphatic burst of speed to outpace theill-fated Falstaff by four lengths and, in so doing, bettered the seven-furlong two-year-old course record. This effort put him firmly on many professionals' short-list for the Derby, but a pulled muscle in his hind quarters robbed him of his classic chance.

The American-bred colt had a satisfactory workout with Millfontaine after racing at Salisbury last weekend and he should have too much pace for Young Nicholas, chasing a treble after two impressive Windsor victories, and Eljazzi, second to the subsequent Scottish Derby winner, Raami.

Although Robert Armstrong has a high regard for Tickly Bender, Old Bailey looks a natural selection to confirm his Chesham Stakes superiority over Sergeant Gerard in the Donnington Castle Stakes, while Gourtionist, who showed plenty of promis when runner-up to Hales at Salisbury, can complete the Harwood haul in the Overton Maiden Stakes.

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That competitive handicap the Morland Brewery Trophy looks as difficult as ever. Longboat, who has won his latest three starts in good style, represents Dick Hern instead of Rough Stones and must be respected. Clive Brittain's Petrizzo, a commendable fifth behind Head for Heights in the King Edward VII Stakes, is on an attractive mark, but I take a chance with another lightweight, Lineman, who was putting in some good work at the finish of an apprentice event, won by the progressive Kid 'Em, at York last week. This High Line colt will be ideally suited by today's stamina test on a galloping course.

The best bet on the Berkshire track, however, should be Glen Na Smole (nap), who is confidently expected to follow up his impressive Newmarket victory in the Hillfields Trophy Handicap. John Sutcliffe, Glen Na Smole's trainer, should also be on the mark at Newmarket with Courting Season in the Foodbrokers Trophy. This pair provided Sutcliffe with a profitable double at the July meeting.

Another attractive bet at Newmarket is Paul Cole's Foche in the opening Britvic Stakes for amateur riders.

Luca Cumani's Cama Lake is expected to get back on the winning trail in the Durapipe Handicap and although the Salisbury scorer, Vilado, contests the Limekiln Stakes, local confidence suggests that Michael Stoute's Soldat Bleu can score at the first time of asking.

Ayr stages some first-class racing and Bedtime ought to make his long trip from West Ilsley pay by capturing the Land of Burns Stakes, despite the presence of Teleprompter, a group winner in Ireland recently, and the useful three-year-old, Enchanted Castle. Bedtime was touched off by My Tony at Sandown earlier this month when carrying 10st 2lb and looks well above handicap class.

Henry Cecil, firing on all cylinders just now, has high hopes that Woodcarver will lift the Ripon Bell-Ringer Handicap, while Rocabay Blue looks leniently treated for the Skipton Handicap.

Steve Cauthen should be the jockey to follow at Nottingham's evening fixture where Adiyamann, (7.30) and the Cecil-trained Eye Drop (9.00).



Moujik (Joe Mercer) makes an impressive winning debut in the Ecchinswell Maiden Stakes at Newbury yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Gaius gives Day happy return

Nigel Day, banned for three months for accepting a gift from the professional gambler, Harry Bardsley, rode his first winner since his return, on Gaius in the Hackwood Stakes at Newbury yesterday. Ironically, it was in connection with Gaius's win at Catterick last May, when Day also rode the colt, that the jockey was suspended.

The ban expired last Friday – July 13 – "I certainly wasn't going to ride that day", Day said. This was his third ride back. Gaius's success was comfortable enough. He had poached a decisive lead by halfway, and readily held off El Gazebo by a length and a half, with Fair Test the same distance away third.

Day, beaming broadly as he returned to unsaddle his second winner of the season, was particularly glad to have won on a Henry Cecil-trained horse. Cecil appeared at Day's Jockey Club inquiry as a character witness, and has stood by the young jockey through his recent gloom.

Charlie Nelson, the man who bought Mahogany and Creag-An-Sgor for 20,000 Irish Guineas apiece, has struck another rare bargain with his 4,000 guineas buy Hilly. She finished third in the prestigious Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket last week, and improved on that with an emphatic two length win from Polly Daniels in the St Catherine's Stakes.

Nelson purchased Hilly from her breeder, Lady Tavistock, who bought the filly back almost immediately. Nelson said: "Hilly thrives on racing, and may turn out again in the Princess Margaret Stakes at Ascot next Saturday".

Hilly completed a double for Steve Cauthen, who extended his lead to two over Lester Piggott in the jockeys' chapionship. Cauthen also won the Aldbourne Maiden Stakes on the progressive Fandango Beat for Barry Hills, beating the odds-on favourite, Lucky North, by three lengths.

NEWBURY (BBC)

[Televised: (2.0, 2.30, 3.0)]

GOING: good to firm

Draw: No advantage

TOTE: Double: 3.0, 4.0. Treble: 2.30, 3.30, 4.30.

2.0 CHATTIS HILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o:£2,823:5f) (8 runners)

101 BRIGHT PATH
102 2882 CERISE BOUQUET (L D Porchester) W Hern 8-11 — J Mercer 1
103 HABUTAI (Mrs M Wates) I Balding 8-11 — J Matthias 7
104 MRS DANVERS (R Bott Ltd) J Winter 8-11 — P Hamblett 4
105 PRIORS SONG (Mrs R Tennant) R Hannon 8-11 — L Jones 7 8
106 PRIVATE JOY (Sir E Harrison) B Hills 8-11 — S Cauthen 6
107 RAPID GLORY (A Searle) R Baker 8-11 — G Starkey 2
108 SILKEN OYSTER (Introgroup Ltd) R Hannon 8-11 — A McGlone 5

1983: Fortysecond Street 8-11 W Carson (7-2) W Hern 9 ran

9-4 Cerise Bouquet, 3 Private Joy, 4 Mrs Danvers, 5 Habutai, 8 Priors Song, Rapid Glory, 12 others.

FORM: CERISE BOUQUET (8-11) ¾l 2nd of 12 to Brave Gaal (8-11) at Nottingham (5f, £1,416, firm, July 2). PRIVATE JOY (8-11) beaten over 13l when 9th of 19 to Al Bahathri (8-11) at Newmarket (6f, £3,980, good to firm, July 11).
Selection: CERISE BOUQUET.

Newbury selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Mrs Danvers. 2.30 GLEN NA SMOLE (nap). 3.0 Lineman. 3.30 Old Bailey. 4.0 Raft. 4.30 Gourtionist.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Mrs Danvers. 2.30 Canif. 3.0 Lineman. 3.30 Tickly Bender. 4.0 Eljazzi. 4.30 Sea Bed.

2.30 HILLFILEDS TROPHY (Handicap:£4,168:7f (9)

204 111-000 BOEZINGE (C) (Capt M Smyly) M Smyly 3-8-7 — T Williams 5 9
205 382110 CANIF (BF) (Mrs W Sole) M Ryan 3-9-3 — P Robinson 7
206 010113 SWINGING REBEL (B) (Mrs G Waddingham) N Vigors 6-9-0 — G Starkey 1
210 000-000 HELLO SUNSHINE (CD) (R Seath) J Holt 6-8-11 — P Waldron 3
211 112011 GLEN NA SMOLE (D) (Mrs J Lewis) J Sutcliffe 3-8-10 (7 ex) — M L Thomas 8
212 0-00000 GHAZIBAY (Hillfields Ltd) E Witts 3-8-6 — S Cauthen 4
213 0-02320 BALLAD ISLAND (D) (F Wilson) M Jarvis 4-8-5 — B Crossley 6
216 3-01200 WINTER WORDS (D) (Mrs E Fox) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 5-8-1 — Paul Eddery 5
219 010000 UPTOWN GIRL (D) (Mrs D Farrell) J P Smith 4-7-7 — P Hill 7 2

1983: Hello Sunshine 4-7-13 W Osborne (16-1) J Holt 15 ran

3.0 MORLAND BREWERY TROPHY (Handicap:3-y-0:£6,442:1m 5f 60yd) (11)

301 2-10222 SPICY STORY (C) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-7 — J Matthias 1
302 041-040 VIDALIA (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-9 — G Starkey 2
303 2-30111 LONGBOAT (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 8-7 (6 ex) — J Mercer 6
307 1-0 LEADBURN (S Niarchos) G Harwood 8-1 — R Cochrane 4
310 01 LYKAION (K Abdulla) J Tree 7-9 — K Williams 11
311 200001 PETRIZZO (C Elliot) C Brittain 7-9 — P Robinson 3
312 0-21 BROADLEAF (A Richards) D Hanley 7-7 — R Fox 8
313 031322 LAURIE'S PANTHER (L James) D Elsworth 7-7 — A McGlone 7
314 213142 SHANGOSEER (J van Geest) R Williams 7-7 — M L Thomas 10

1983: General Concorde 8-12 A McGlone

7-2 Longboat, 9-2 Lykaion, 5 Petrizzo, 6 Spicy Story, ... Fire Bay, 12 others.

FORM: SPICY STORY (8-11) about a neck 3rd of 11 to ... £37,129, firm, June 24). VIDALIA (8-11) over 10½l last to 11 ... 3l, £28,784, good to soft, May 20). LONGBOAT (8-10) beat ... £2,919, good, July 12, 8 ran). LEADBURN (8-10) about 11 ... Newmarket (1m 2f, £5,798, good to firm, May 3). LYKAION ... Salisbury (1m 4f, £1,776, good to soft, June 5, 15 ran). PET... at Chester (1m 5f, £1,716, good, July 14, 11 ran). LAURIE'S ... Barnbrook Again (8-4) at Windsor (1m 3.5f, £2,285, good ... away 3rd. SHANGOSEER (9-3) 7l 2nd of 4 to Millside (9-6) ... 30). LINEMAN (9-6) 1½l 2nd of 9 to Kid'em (7-12) at York (1m ...
Selection: PETRIZZO.

3.30 DONNINGTON CASTLE STAKES (2-y-o:£5,517:7f) (4)

401 3111 OLD BAILEY (Mrs C Thompson) G Harwood 9-2 — G Starkey 1
402 132 SERGEANT GERARD (C) (F Salmon) P Cole 9-2 — P Waldron 2
404 1 TICKLY BENDER (R Armstrong) R Armstrong 9-0 — P Robinson 4
410 GUIDON (The Queen) W Hern 8-7 — J Mercer 3

1983: Trojan Fen 8-11 L Piggott (4-6 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

Evens Old Bailey, 11-4 Sergeant Gerrard, 4 Guidon, 8 Tickly Bender.

4.0 STEVENTON STAKES (£2,986:1m 2f) (5)

502 000-333 THE SUN GOD (Sheikh Mohammed) J Ciechanowski 3-8-6 — S Cauthen 3
506 11- RAFT (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-8-6 — G Starkey 1
508 33211 YOUNG NICHOLAS (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 3-8-6 — Paul Eddery 4
509 1-02 ELJAZZI (Prince Faisal) H Cecil 3-8-0 — P Robinson 5
510 -100 GWEN JOHN (D) (D Prenn) J Winter 2-8-0 — R Cochrane 2

1983: Adonijah 3-8-6 L Piggott (8-11 fav) H Cecil 7 ran

8-11 Raft, 4 Eljazzi, 11-2 Young Nicholas, 14 The Sun God, 16 Gwen John

4.30 OVERTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o:£2,553:1m 3f) (10)

603 04-0 CAMBRIDGE CIRCUS (C Wright) D Laing 9-0 — R Cochrane 8
604 00 GOURTIONIST (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 9-0 — G Starkey 2
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Results from Newbury

Going: Good to firm

2.0 ALDBOURNE MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £2,329: 1m)

FANDANGO BEAT ch c by Gay Fandango – Pink Velvet (A Sheed) 9-0 — S Cauthen (10-1) 1

Lucky North b c by Northern Dancer – Lucky Ole Me (Mrs R du Pont) 9-0 ...

3.30 ST CATHERINE'S STAKES (2-y-o: fillies: £6,648: 6f)

HILLY ch f by Town Crier – Alpine Damsel (Ld Tavistock) 8-6 — S Cauthen (3-1) 1

Polly Daniels b f by Clever Trick – Policam (Guiting Stud Ltd) 8-8 — T Quinn (3-1) 2

Tudford Hideaway ch f by Cawston's Clown – Late Idea (J Abell) 8-6 — L Piggott (14-1) 3

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Mestor gr c by Nishapour – Meadow Rhapsody (P Hamyn) 4-9-53 — P Waldron (13-2) 3

Also Ran: 100-30 Afzal (6th), 13-2 Camacho, 8 Sneak Preview (5th), 10 Line of Fortune, 25 Quite A Night (4th), 33 Mildred. 9 ran. 3l, 6l, 10l, 1½l. R Sheather at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £3.10. Places: £1.40, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £6.80. CSF: £18.58. 3m 28.13sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: £59.90. TREBLE: £22.35. JACKPOT: Not won. PLACEPOT: £19.95.

Blinkered first time

NOTTINGHAM: 8.0 Rosana Park. 8.30 Empress Corina.
AYR: 3.15 Hawa Bladi. 3.45 Sunapa's Owlet.
NEWMARKET: 2.30 Dunant. 4.5 Dancing Admiral.
RIPON: 2.45 Sally Jo. 3.15 Leysh. 3.45 Knights Secret, Cambridge Lodge. 4.45 Fighting Track.

NEWMARKET (ITV)

[Televised: 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0]

GOING: good

Draw: No advantage

Tote Double 2.30, 3.30. Treble 2.0, 3.0, 4.5

1.30 BRITVIC STAKES (Amateurs: £2,122: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

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Selection: COURTING SEASON.

Newmarket selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Foche, 2.00 Kristana, 2.30 Sajeda, 3.00 Courting Season, 3.30 Tropical Storm, 4.05 Cama's Lake, 4.35 Soldat Bleu.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.30 Bondoc, 2.00 Kristana, 2.30 Sajeda, 3.00 Knight's Banner, 3.30 Tropical Storm, 4.05 Cama's Lake, 4.35 Soldat Bleu.

2.0 PRIMULA MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £3,449: 6f) (12)

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3.0 FOOD BROKERS TROPHY (Limited handicap: 3-y-o: £10,066: 1m) (8)

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3.30 RISBY SELLING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,732: 1m 2f) (12)

1 40-40 CHEEKY ROSES G Pritchard-Gordon 9-7 — G Duffield 7
3 0-002 A LITTLE MORE R Smyth 9-6 — R Hills 6
4 00-00 ROCKY'S GAL W Holden 9-4 — M Miller 10
6 0000 FULL OF SPEED H O'Neill 9-4 — S Whitworth 5 11
8 0-040 TROPICAL STORM A Bailey 9-3 — G Thomas 7 1
11 0402 HALL'S PRINCE G Balding 9-1 — A Clark 12
12 3240 BALMACARA P Felgate 9-1 — P Cook 8
13 200-0 PHILCROP T M Jones 8-13 — J Reid 3
14 0-00 XARELI P Haslam 8-13 — I Scally 7 5
16 0-003 VICEROY LASS B Stevens 8-9 — D McKay 2
17 0-024 MISS FELHAM (BF) M Hinchliffe 8-9 — W R Swinburn 4
18 0080 ALOICIOUS D Leslie 8-8 — R Curant 9

2.30 CHEMIST BROKER HANDICAP (3-y-o: £6,661: 5f) (5)

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4.5 DURAPIPE HANDICAP (£3,043: 1m 4f) (5)

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4.35 LIMEKILNS STAKES (2-y-o: £4,807: 7f) (6)

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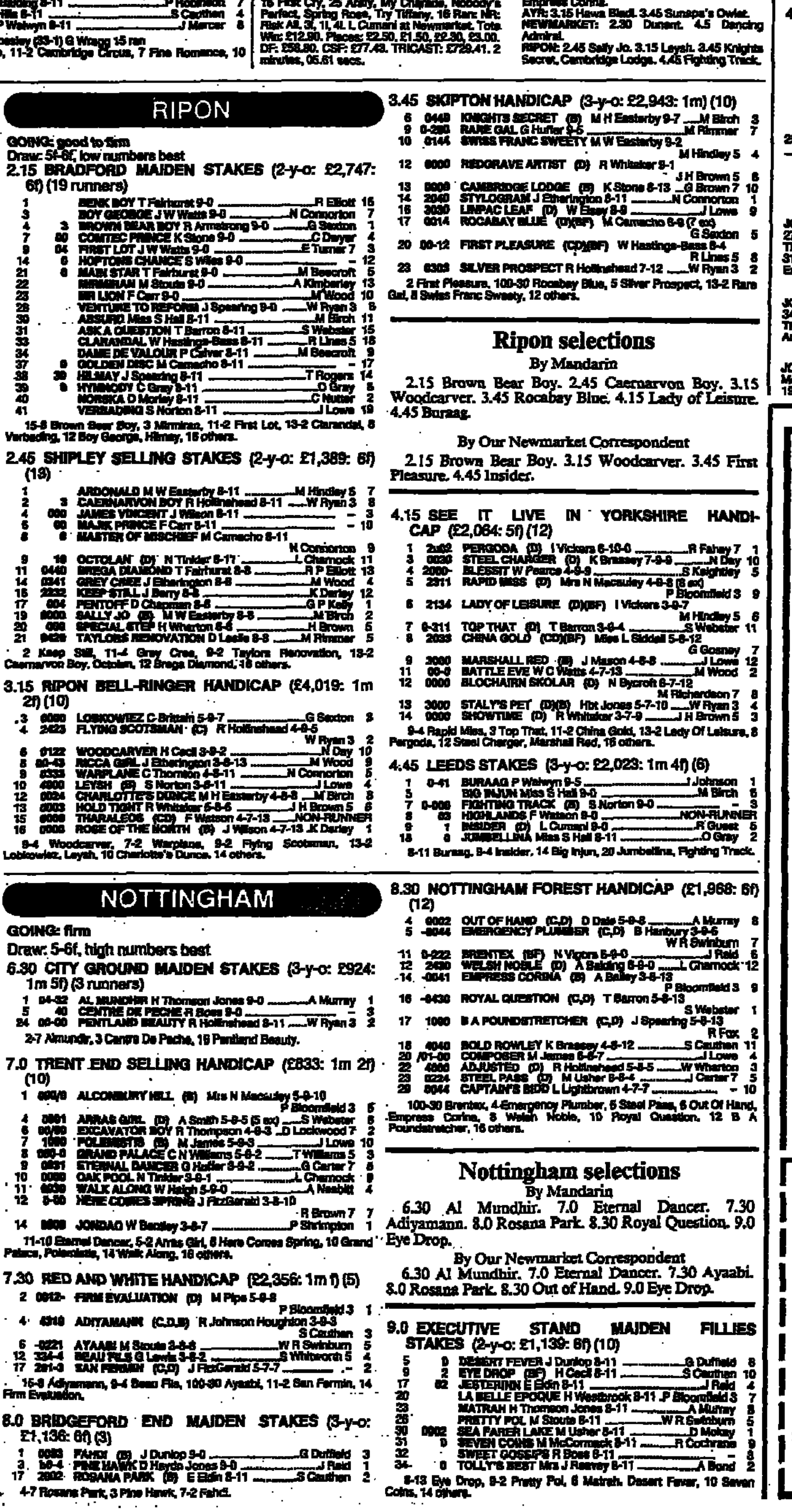
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5.15 (2m) 1, TIRWADDA (T Rogers, 3-1); 2, Pakka Major (B Taylor, 4-1); 3, Tudor Singer (A Bond, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Trade Line, 14 Tern, 33 High Moon, Secret Walk, Taber, 66 TWS Homes. 9 ran. NR: Darlington Deal. nk, 6l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. TOTE: £2.90; £1.20, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £4.60. CSF: £15.56. PLACEPOT: £7.15.

● Steve Dawson, who broke his left leg at Brighton in May, is unlikely to ride again this season. Dawson, aged 21, was thrown against a concrete post when his mount, Wang Feihoong, fell a furlong from home.

● At Talaq (Tony Murray) a narrow winner of the Grand Prix de Paris, attempts to gain another group one success in the £22,278 Gorsser Preis von Berlin at Dusseldorf tomorrow. Tom Jones's colt will again have the help of As Sakab (Richard Hills) as pacemaker.



RIPON

GOING: good to firm

Draw: 5-6f, low numbers best

2.15 BRADFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £2,747: 6f) (19 runners)

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2.45 SHIPLEY SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £1,389: 6f) (13)

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3.15 RIPON BELL-RINGER HANDICAP (£4,019: 1m 2f) (10)

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3.45 SKIPTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,943: 1m) (10)

6 0449 KNIGHTS SECRET (B) M H Easterby 9-7 — M Birch 3
9 0-280 RARE GAL G Huffer 9-5 — M Rimmer 7
10 0144 SWISS FRANC SWEETY M W Easterby 9-2 — M Hindley 5 4
12 0000 REDGRAVE ARTIST (D) R Whitaker 9-1 — J H Brown 5 6
13 0009 CAMBRIDGE LODGE (B) K Stone 8-13 — G Brown 7 10
14 2040 STYLOGRAM J Etherington 8-11 — N Connorton 1
16 3030 LINPAC LEAF (D) W Elsey 8-9 — J Lowe 9
17 0014 ROCABAY BLUE (D)(BF) M Camacho 8-9 (7 ex) — G Sexton 5
20 00-12 FIRST PLEASURE (CD)(BF) W Hastings-Bass 8-4 — R Lines 5 8
23 0303 SILVER PROSPECT R Hollinshead 7-12 — W Ryan 3 2

2 First Pleasure, 100-30 Rocabay Blue, 5 Silver Prospect, 13-2 Rare Gal, 8 Swiss Franc Sweety, 12 others.

Ripon selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Brown Bear Boy. 2.45 Caernarvon Boy. 3.15 Woodcarver. 3.45 Rocabay Blue. 4.15 Lady of Leisure. 4.45 Buraag.

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2.15 Brown Bear Boy. 3.15 Woodcarver. 3.45 First Pleasure. 4.45 Insider.

4.15 SEE IT LIVE IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (£2,064: 5f) (12)

1 2u02 PERGODA (D) I Vickers 6-10-0 — R Fahey 7 1
3 0030 STEEL CHARGER (D) K Brassey 7-9-9 — N Day 10
4 2000- BLESSIT W Pearce 4-9-9 — S Keightley 5
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4.45 LEEDS STAKES (3-y-o: £2,023: 1m 4f) (6)

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NOTTINGHAM

GOING: firm

Draw: 5-6f, high numbers best

6.30 CITY GROUND MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £924: 1m 5f) (3 runners)

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7.0 TRENT END SELLING HANDICAP (£833: 1m 2f) (10)

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4 0001 ARRAS GIRL (D) A Smith 5-9-5 (5 ex) — S Webster 6
6 00/00 EXCAVATOR BOY R Thompson 4-9-3 — D Lockwood 7 2
7 1000 POLEMISTIS (B) M James 5-9-3 — J Lowe 10
8 000-0 GRAND PALACE C N Williams 5-8-2 — T Williams 5 3
9 0031 ETERNAL DANCER G Huffer 3-9-2 — G Carter 7 8
10 0000 OAK POOL N Tinkler 3-9-1 — L Charnock 9
11 0030 WALK ALONG W Haigh 5-9-0 — A Nesbitt 4
12 0-00 HERE COMES SPRING J FitzGerald 3-8-10 — R Brown 7 7
14 0000 JONDAO W Bentley 3-8-7 — P Shrimpton 1

11-10 Eternal Dancer, 5-2 Arras Girl, 8 Here Comes Spring, 10 Grand Palace, Polemistis, 14 Walk Along, 16 others.

7.30 RED AND WHITE HANDICAP (£2,356: 1m 1f) (5)

2 0012- FIRM EVALUATION (D) M Pipe 5-9-8 — P Bloomfield 3 1
4 4310 ADIYAMANN (C,D,B) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-3 — S Cauthen 3
6 -0221 AYAABI M Stoute 3-8-8 — W R Swinburn 5
12 334-4 BEAU FILS G Lewis 3-8-2 — S Whitworth 5 4
17 201-0 SAN FERMIN (C,D) J FitzGerald 5-7-7 — 2

15-8 Adiyamann, 9-4 Beau Fils, 100-30 Ayaabi, 11-2 San Fermin, 14 Firm Evaluation.

8.0 BRIDGEFORD END MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,136: 6f) (3)

1 0083 FAHDI (B) J Dunlop 9-0 — G Duffield 3
3 00-4 PINE HAWK D Hayde Jones 9-0 — J Reid 1
17 2002 ROSANA PARK (B) E Eldin 8-11 — S Cauthen 2

4-7 Rosana Park, 3 Pine Hawk, 7-2 Fahdi.

8.30 NOTTINGHAM FOREST HANDICAP (£1,968: 6f) (12)

5 -0044 EMERGENCY PLUMBER (C,D) B Hanbury 3-9-6 — W R Swinburn 7
11 0-222 BRENTEX (BF) N Vigors 5-9-0 — J Reid 6
12 2400 WELSH NOBLE (D) A Balding 5-9-0 — L Charnock 12
14 -0041 EMPRESS CORINA (B) A Bailey 3-8-13 — P Bloomfield 3 9
16 -0430 ROYAL QUESTION (C,D) T Barron 5-8-13 — S Webster 1
17 1000 B A POUNDSTRETCHER (C,D) J Spearing 5-8-13 — R Fox 2
18 4040 BOLD ROWLEY K Brassey 4-8-12 — S Cauthen 11
20 /01-00 COMPOSER M James 6-8-7 — J Lowe 4
22 4000 ADJUSTED (D) R Hollinshead 5-8-5 — W Wharton 3
23 0224 STEEL PASS (D) M Usher 6-8-4 — J Carter 7 5
29 0044 CAPTAIN'S BIDD L Lightbrown 4-7-7 — 10

100-30 Brentex, 4 Emergency Plumber, 5 Steel Pass, 6 Out Of Hand, Empress Corina, 8 Welsh Noble, 10 Royal Question, 12 B A Poundstretcher, 16 others.

Nottingham selections

By Mandarin

6.30 Al Mundhir. 7.0 Eternal Dancer. 7.30 Adiyamann. 8.0 Rosana Park. 8.30 Royal Question. 9.0 Eye Drop.

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6.30 Al Mundhir. 7.0 Eternal Dancer. 7.30 Ayaabi. 8.0 Rosana Park. 8.30 Out of Hand. 9.0 Eye Drop.

9.0 EXECUTIVE STAND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £1,139: 6f) (10)

5 0 DESERT FEVER J Dunlop 8-11 — G Duffield 8
9 2 EYE DROP (BF) H Cecil 8-11 — S Cauthen 10
17 02 JESTERINN E Eldin 8-11 — J Reid 4
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AYR (ITV)

[Televised: 1.45, 2.15, 2.45]

GOING: good

Draw: 7f-1m, low numbers best

1.45 FAIRBAIRN HONDA TROPHY (maiden 2-y-o: £2,838: 7f) (11 runners)

1 44304 ANDI ALJA (Mrs P Wraford) P Mitchell 9-0 — T Ives 10
4 00 CONNIE (D Brereton) A W Jones 9-0 — B Coogan 3
5 000 FAMECHECK (J S Wilson) J S Wilson 9-0 — M Fry 4
7 3 I'M EXCEPTIONAL (F H Lee Ltd) M Jarvis 9-0 — B Raymond 11
8 003 MASTER JOHNNY (Mrs M Charalambous) M E Francis 9-0 — S Parks 5
9 4 MUSIC MARKET (Racegoers Club) J W Watts 9-0 — B Rouse 1
13 0 ROBBIM (J Brown) J Berry 9-0 — S Horsfall 5 6
14 0 SAY GUNNER (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 9-0 — D Leadbitter 5 2
15 00 SHANWYN (J Hanson) J Hanson 9-0 — J Bleasdale 8
16 00 TROJAN HERO (Mrs E Longton) W Elsey 9-0 — B Taylor 7
18 30 STRING OF BEADS (W Lumley) J Etherington 8-11 — E Hide 9

1983: My Haven 8-11 K Hodgson (10-1) M H Easterby 5 ran.

2 Music Market, 3 I'm Exceptional, 4 Andi Alja, 6 Master Johnny, 8 Say Gunner, 10 Trojan Hero, 12 others.

FORM: ANDI ALJA (9-0) 4th of 12 beaten almost 4l by Bloodless Coup (9-0) at Salisbury (7f, £1,311, good, July 14). I'M EXCEPTIONAL (9-0) 8½l 3rd to Lobbit (9-0) at Haydock (6f, £1,784, firm, July 6, 5 ran). MASTER JOHNNY (9-0) 3rd of 16, beaten over 7l behind Colonial Caress (9-0) at Ripon (6f, £2,435, firm, June 27). MUSIC MARKET (9-0) promising 4th, beaten 4, by Don Thatch (9-0) at Redcar (6f, £3,022, good to firm, June 23, 22 ran). TROJAN HERO (9-0) 7th of 12, beaten over 5½l behind Artorel (8-11) at Ayr (7f, £3,454, good, July 14). STRING OF BEADS (8-11) beaten over 3l when 5th to Vie Parisienne (8-11) at Doncaster (6f, £1,911, firm, June 30, 9 ran).
Selection: MUSIC MARKET.

Ayr selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Music Market. 2.15 Voracity. 2.45 Celestial Dancer. 3.15 Bedtime. 3.45 Lady Locket. 4.15 Golden October.

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1.45 I'm Exceptional. 2.15 Voracity. 2.45 Celestial Dancer. 3.15 Larionov. 4.15 Golden October.

2.15 DRAMBUIE LIQUEUR HANDICAP (£5,927: 1m 5f) (8)

1 00-4242 VORACITY (BF) (Lady Derby) J Winter 5-9-10 — B Taylor 5
2 4-4221 PRIME ASSETT (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 3-9-0 — T Ives 8
3 041402 REGAL STEEL (Steel Plate & Sections Ltd) R Hollinshead 6-8-10 — S Perks 2
4 0031-00 WONDERFUL SURPRISE (C,D) (E Eldin) E Eldin 7-8-10 — E Guest 5 1
5 20023-4 KEELBY KAVALIER (BF) (Mrs J Durrant) M Lambert 6-8-5 — K Hodgson 3
9 301200 FRASASS (C,D) (D Chapman) D Chapman 7-7-9 — N Carlisle 6
12 30449-1 AMBER HEIGHTS (C,D) (R Bradley) J Hanson 4-7-7 — M Fry 4
13 041400 DIAMONDS HIGH (M Vazanies) P Mitchell 3-7-7 — M Fozzard 7 7

1983: Wonderful Surprise 6-8-6 E Guest (2-1 fav) E Eldin 8 ran.

9-4 Prime Assett, 7-2 Regal Steel, 9-2 Voracity, 6 Wonderful Surprise, 8 Keelby Kavalier, 10 Amber Heights, 12 Frasass, 16 Diamonds High.

FORM: VORACITY (10-0) ½l 2nd to Aberfield (8-6) at Brighton (12f, £3,436, firm, June 26, 5 ran). PRIME ASSETT (9-0) beat Musical Box (9-0) by ¾l at Newmarket (14f, £2,854, good, June 2, 9 ran). REGAL STEEL (8-8) 2½l 2nd to Bishop's Ring (8-6) at Haydock (12f, £14,917, firm, July 7, 6 ran). ...

2.45 TOTE BOOKMAKERS SPRINT TROPHY (handicap: £9,771: 6f) (15)

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3.15 LAND OF BURNS STAKES (£8,730: 1m 2f) (7)

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3.45 SPRINGSIDE SELLING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £916: 1m) (9)

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3 Hare I Am, 7-2 Sunapa's Owlet, 4 Lady Locket, 6 Rose Of Harpenden, 8 Nabat's Melody, 10 Palace Rocket, 12 Windy Red, 16 others.

4.15 WALLACETOWN STAKES (£991: 6f) (7)

1 320210 MELOWEN (D) (M Britain) D Plant 4-9-7 — B Coogan 3
3 3-34001 VINDANGO (D) (V Maclean) P Mitchell 3-9-1 — T Ives 2
8 220403 BOLD REALM (A Duffield) A Jarvis 3-8-5 — – 7
12 00- DRAGEDA (Miss J Potts) C Parker 3-8-2 — J Bleasdale 5
13 00-02 GOLDEN OCTOBER (F Wilson) M Jarvis 3-8-2 — D Leadbitter 5 6
17 000300- MISTY ROCKET (I Blakey Ltd) R Stubbs 3-8-2 — D Nicholls 4
20 0-0 TENDER LOVE (P Meyer-Furst) M Smyly 3-8-2 — B Rouse 1

1983: Ladjinda 3-8-2 N Connorton (9-1) J W Watts 11 ran.

6-4 Vindango, 3 Golden October, 5 Melowen, 7 Bold Realm, 8 Tender Love, 12 Misty Rocket, 25 Drageda.

Today's course specialists

AYR

JOCKEYS: B Taylor 24 wins from 86 rides 27.9%, E Hide 34 from 252 13.5%.
TRAINERS: G Pritchard-Gordon 18 from 57 31.6%, J Hindley 26 from 95 27.4%, M H Easterby 34 from 125 27.2%.

RIPON

JOCKEYS: M Miller 8 from 39 20.5%, M Birch 34 from 240 14.2%, J Lowe 8 from 138 5.8%.
TRAINERS: M Stoute 12 from 38 31.6%, R Armstrong 10 from 38 26.3%.

NEWBURY

JOCKEYS: G Starkey 25 from 167 15.0%, J Mercer 29 from 214 13.6%, S Cauthen 24 from 190 12.6%.
TRAINERS: H Cecil 40 from 108 37.0% W Hern 35 from 202 17.3%, G Harwood 20 from 136 14.7%.

NOTTINGHAM

JOCKEYS: W Swinburn 18 from 107 16.8%, G Duffield 15 from 135 11.1% J Reid 11 from 7.1%.
TRAINERS: H Cecil 32 from 63 50.8%, M Stoute 22 from 93 23.5%.

NEWMARKET

JOCKEYS: G Baxter 34 from 312 10.9%, W R Swinburn 30 from 312 10.6%, P Cook 19 from 342 5.6%.
TRAINERS: M R Stoute 51 from 349 14.6%, B Hobbs 41 from 306 13.4%.

RACING

Circus Plume set for Oaks double

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Circus Plume and Meda Luna will re-fight their Epsom Oaks duel at the Curragh this afternoon when, for the first time, the Irish Oaks carries the sponsorship of Mr and Mrs Bert Firestone's Gilltown Stud. The Firestones have taken over from Guinness who first involved themselves in the race in 1963.

During the 21 runnings of the Irish Guinness Oaks only four fillies – Aktesse Royale, Juliette Marny, Fair Salinia and Blue Wind managed to complete the Epsom-Curragh double. This underlines the difficulty of Circus Plume's task. There were doubts before Epsom as to whether she would last out the one and a half miles as she is a daughter of High top. However, in the event, it was her stamina which carried the day.

She looked in trouble when Media Luna, a rank outsider took the advantage in the final furlong but Circus Plume responded remarkably well to the driving of Lester Piggott to regain command close home and win by a neck.

She has not raced since whereas Media Luna has made two raids on important French prizes. She failed to stay in the Grand Prix de Paris, finishing six to At Talaq, but ran a much better race to be beaten a total of two lengths by the four-year-old, Full of Stars, in the Prix Maurice De Nieuil.

Ian Balding runs both Clare Bridge and Troyanna. The former, rated the best three-year-old in the stable, was offered as high as 12-1 in Dublin betting offices earlier in the week but attracted substantial each-way support down to 6-1.

On her most recent outing in the group two Prix de Malleret, she got within a length of the smart French filly, Reine Mathilde.

French Oaks form is represented by Daily Busy who was a fast-finishing fourth to easy winner, Northern Trick. She will certainly relish the extra one and a half furlongs.

Princess Patri led from start to dinish in the Pretty Polly Stakes to win by six lengths. However, the opposition was not up to the standard of today's race and I prefer to stay with classic form in nominating Circus Plume to give Lester Piggott his fourth Oakes.

Give Thanks, winner of the last Irish Guinness Oaks, makes her first appearance of the season in the Royal Whip in which she takes on Yawa and Sondrio, who ran away with the Ulster Harp Derby. If Give Thanks is anything like the filly she was 12 months ago, she should not be beaten.

Magic Mirror, the only Irish two-year-old to win at Royal Ascot, should consolidate his reputation by completing a treble in the Nishapour Curragh Stakes.

Curragh runners, riders and form

Televised: BBC1 and ITV

GOING: good to firm

3.45 GILLTOWN STUD IRISH OAKS (Group I: 3-y-o: £80,000: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

1	0211-12	ALIANNA (Mrs J Donnelly) A Redmond 9-0	D Gillespie
2	313-11	CIRCUS PLUME (Sir R McAlpine) J Dunlop 9-0	L Piggott
3	6-102	CLARE BRIDGE (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0	P Eddery
4	24143-	DAILY BUSY (E Dsauville) 9-0	A Lequeux
5	1-3	GOLDEN GRUNDY (P Conlan) L Browne 9-0	S Craine
6	40-4014	KARELE RUN (W Brainard Jnr) P Mullins 9-0	K Moses
7	130320	MEDIA LUNA (Rokdvale Ltd) P Kelleway 9-0	C Roche
8	3-11001	PRINCESS PATI (Mrs J R Mullion) C Collins 9-0	P Shanahan
9	10	SISTER EUCHARIA (A F O'Callaghan) L Browne 9-0	M T Browne
10	21-3	TROYANNA (Sir M Sobell) I Balding 9-0	E Johnson
11	13-1111	VERS LA CAISSE (Moyglare Stud Farm) D K Weld 9-0	M J Kinane

7-4 Circus Plume, 4 Princess Pati, 9-2 Clare Bridge, 7 Media Luna, 6 Alianna, Vers La Caisse 12 others.

FORM: ALIANNA (9-0) neck 2nd and PRINCESS PATI (9-0) just under 3½ 9th to Katies (9-0) in Irish 1000 Guineas here (6f, £38,288, good to firm, May 26, 23 ran). CIRCUS PLUME (9-0) won English Oaks at Epsom by neck from MEDIA LUNA (9-0) (1m 4f, £122,040, good, June 9, 15 ran). CLARE BRIDGE (8-3) 1l 2nd of 9 to Reine Mathilde (8-9) in group 2 event at Longchamp (1m 2f, £16,502, firm, June 24). DAILY BUSY (8-8) 1½l 3rd of 7 to Truculent (8-11) in juvenile group 2 race at Longchamp (9f, £14,533, good to firm, Oct 1), PRINCESS PATI (8-8) further 2l back in 4th and SISTER EUCHARIA (8-8) another 4l away 6th of 7 in Group 2 event here (1m 2f, £13,155, firm, June 30). TROYANNA (8-8) kept on to finish 1½l 3rd of 15 to Miss Beaulieu (8-8) in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, £8,558, good to firm, May 24). VERS LA CAISSE (8-3) ½l winner from Khwalah (8-5) of Italian group 2 race at San Siro (1m 2f, £16,470, good to firm, June 17, 11 ran).
Selection: CIRCUS PLUME

Prince Sabo to reign

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

Prince Sabo could become the first English-trained horse to win the Prix Robert Papin since Sun Prince took the prestigious group I event back in 1971. The strong English challenge for the five and half furlong Papin is made up with Cameroun and Hi-Tech-Girl. The best of the French should be Noblequest and White Wedding.

Only 11 days ago Prince Sabo made a great impession when taking the Chesterfield Stakes at Newmarket by three lengths from Chantaco. John Reid had to switch the son of Young Generation to the outside to make his challenge and once the colt saw daylight he fairly outclassed his field in the final furlong. Prince Sabo had previously trotted up in the Ontario Bi-Centennial Stakes at Epsom and should appreciate the extra half furlong of the Papin.

Noblequest is unbeaten in his two races and was recently successful in the group III Prix du Bios at Longchamp where he defeated another Papin contestant, Rosa Fumetto, by an effortless two lengths.

Greville Starky rides Hi-Tech Girl and there is no reason why this filly should not take a hand in the finish. When last seen Hi-Tech Girl defeated Tumble Dale a length in the Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot. The English trio is made up by Cameroun who is twice a winner but is held by Hi-Tech Girl on the Queen Mary form.

First-class honours

Strathclyde

The following first class honours have been announced by the University of Strathclyde.

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B.Sc

[illegible]

BSc in Engineering

[illegible]

Bristol

The following have been awarded first class degrees by Bristol University:

[illegible]

Warwick

The following class list has been issued by The University of Warwick:

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BIRTHS

ATTERBURY THOMAS. – On 28th June, 1984, to David and Anita – a son (Rupert Edward), a baby brother for Ross.

BENTLEY – On July 19th, at Queen Mary's Roehampton to Angela and Malcolm, a son.

BOUSTRED. – On July 16, at the Middlesex Hospital, to Anne (nee Norman) and Peter – a daughter (Hannah Rose).

CADBURY – On 17th July, 1984, to Julie (nee Dean) and Nigel, a daughter.

De RENZY-MARTIN – On 20th July [illegible]

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MARRIAGES

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DEATHS

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DEATHS

VER HEYDEN-CORNELIUS, Baron De Lancey, MD, DOE, LLB, DRSc, LRCP, LMSSA, LDS, RCS, Barrister at Law and an advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey. Peacefully at his home Seagate, St Clements, Jersey on 18th July 1984, his 95th birthday. Dearly beloved husband of Henriette Ver Heyden De Lancey (nee De Vey Meddagh) and loving brother of Everard Ver Heyden. The funeral service has taken place privately. No mourning or callers please. Pitcher and Le Quesne Funeral Directors. Tel (0534) 77935.

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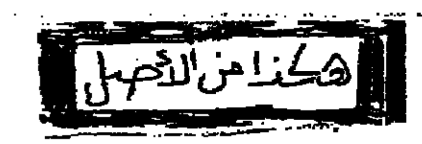
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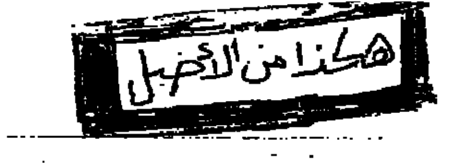
Weekend's radio

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SUNDAY'S WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 At the piano. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Patrick Manyn's Music Box. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The World of Singing. 8.30 A Chapter of Adventures. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Album Time. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In the Meantime. 11.25 Ulster Newsletter. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 Radio Theatre. 2.15 Letterbox. 2.30 John Peel. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four hours. 8.30 Middlemarch. 9.00 Network UK. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Villette. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From the Weeklies. 11.30 My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Sarah And Company. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Letterbox. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Byrig At Large. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Review of the British Press. 5.45 The World Today.
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Saturday

Television and radio programmes
Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.20 Open University: Genetics: Heterosis 6.45 Ceramics Under Stress 7.10 Light, the Destroyer 7.35 Engineering Product Design 8.00 An Ageing Population. Ends at 8.25

8.40 The Saturday Picture Show presented by Mark Curry. Games, cartoons, pop music and guests. Among the latter are Midge Ure of the pop group Ultravox, Phil Feron of Galaxy and from Silent Running, Peter Gamble and Richard Collett. Maggie Philbin is in Morecambe while Karen Foster, fashion editor of the magazine Just Seventeen, has advice on looking good on the beach 10.42 Weather.

10.45 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: 11 00, 2.05, 2.35 Cricket: live coverage of the Benson and Hedges Cup Final at Lord's between Warwickshire and Lancashire. The commentators are Richie Benaud, Jim Laker, Ray Illingworth and Ted Dexter; 1.20 News summary; 1.25 Motor Racing: A preview of tomorrow John Player Special British Grand Prix. 1.55, 2.25 and 2.55 Racing from Newbury. The commentators are Peter O'Sullevan, Julian Wilson and Jimmy Lindley; 3.05 and 3.55 Golf: The third round of the British Open Championship on St Andrews's Old Course. The commentators there are Harry Carpenter, Peter Alliss, Clive Clark, Alex Hay, Bruce Critchley and Mark McCormack; 3.45 Racing: The Irish Oaks.

7.00 News with Jan Leeming 7.10 Sport and regional news.

7.15 Film: Nickelodeon (1976) starring Ryan O'Neal, Tatum O'Neal and Burt Reynolds. Comedy about the early day's of the cinema with Ryan O'Neal as Leo Harrigan, a lawyer who accidently becomes a director and makes Buck Greenway (Reynolds) a star. The partnership begins to crack when they both fall for the same girl. Directed by Peter Bogdanovich.

9.10 Dynasty. Jeff and Kirby fly down to Reno to plight their troths while Fallon and Mark discover that work and play do mix.

10.00 International Athletics: The Oslo Games, introduced by David Icke. The highlight of tonight's meeting is what is known as the Dream Mile. Britain's representatives in this event are Steve Cramm, David Moorcroft and Graham Williamson, Cramm's conqueror in a recent event. Among others appearing at the games, running for Britain, are steeplechaser Colin Reitz and 100 metre hurdler, Shirley Strong.

10.55 News and sport.

11.10 Film: Jeremiah Johnson (1972) starring Robert Redford as a mid-19th century ex-soldier who tires of civilisation and decides to go and live in the mountains of Utah. There he fights Indians, the weather and rival trappers. Also starring Will Geer as Bear Claw Lapp. Directed by Sydney Pollack.

12.55 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Morning Britain, presented by Henry Kelly and Toni Arthur. Diane Newton discusses adult education at 6.35; news from Elaine Lipworth at 7.00 and 8.00. The special guests are Hank Wangford, Ned Sherrin and Gary Wilmott.

8.40 SPLAT. Entertainment for young people, presented by Adam Wide.

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9.25 LWT Information 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 No 73. Fun and games and music.

12.15 World of Sport, introduced by Dickie Davies. The line-up is: 12.20, 1.05, 3.10 and 3.35 Moto Cross. Coverage of the first and second legs of the British 500cc Grand Prix, from Hawkstone Park; 12.35 Powerboat Racing: the Everest Double Glazing Round Britain Race; 12.45 News followed by Australian pools check; 12.50 The Tour de France. Phil Liggett reports on the week's Alpine stages of the world's premier cycle race; 1.20 The ITV Seven: the 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 and 3.00 from Newmarket and the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 from Ayr; 3.20 Speedway: The Inter Continental Final of the World Individual Championships, from Vojens, Denmark; 3.50 Sports news round-up, including the Irish Oaks; 4.00 Wrestling: three bouts from Barking: 4.35 Results.

5.00 News

5.05 The Fall Guy. Colt Seavers comes to the rescue of Jody who is being held to ransom by PCP manufacturers.

6.00 The Pyramid Game. Contestants use their powers of description to try and win the £1,000 jackpot.

6.30 Some You Win. Lulu meets another selection of life's winners and losers, including George Peppard, Spike Milligan and Lord Denning.

7.00 Russ Abbot's Madhouse. A selection of the best sketches from the comedian's earlier series.

7.30 Ultra Quiz. David Frost with the 16 survivors from the original 1000 competitors, in Belgium.

8.00 The Gentle Touch. Det. Insp. Maggie Forbes comes across her first case of a shared wife when a beautiful woman is mugged (r) (Oracle titles page 170).

9.00 News.

9.15 Aspel and Company. His guests are Barry Manilow and the Prime Minister.

10.00 Play: On the Shelf, by Mary O'Malley. Is bachelor Michael really keen on Linda? Jackie has her doubts.

11.05 The Dream Mile. Coverage of the 1,500 metres event at the Oslo Games.

11.35 Tales of the Unexpected: Sauce for the Goose, starring Gloria Grahame as the wife whose husband dies after a mysterious fall down the cellar stairs.

12.05 London news headlines followed by The Tube Return Ticket.

1.00 Night Thoughts.

Ronald Reagan and John Gallaudet in the spy thriller, Code of the Secret Service: Channel 4 11.45pm

BBC 2

6.25 Open University: Ecology: Ants and Acacias 6.50 Injection Moulding 7.15 Computing and Road Design 7.40 Sanctions and Rhodesia: 4 8.05 The Wisconsin Idea 8.30 Constable and Turner 8.55 Instrumentation: Signals and Noise 9.20 To Bedford from Busso: 1 9.45 'Bloody Good Colliers' 10.10 Maths: Complex Integration 10.35 Education in Trinidad 11.00 Inquiry: A Welsh Village 11.25 Magnetic Circuits 11.50 Computing: Operating Systems 12.15 The History of Mongolism 12.40 Basic Education for Adults 1.05 Maths: Differentiability 1.30 Philosophy: Hume and Causality 1.55 Diffusion of Dutch Elm Disease 2.20 Music: Harmonic Analysis, 2 2.45 Modern Art: Leger.

3.10 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore discusses with Dr John Davies of Newcastle University the space probes that are to be launched to rendezvous with Halley's Comet in March 1986 (shown last Sunday).

3.30 Cricket: The Benson and Hedges Cup Final. Live coverage from Lord's of the game between Warwickshire and Lancashire.

7.30 Prima! The penultimate lesson in the dramatised German conversation course.

7.45 Horizon Special – Beyond the Moon, presented by James Burke. A commemoration of the historic landing on the moon by the Apollo spaceship and of Neil Armstrong's one small step, which took place 15 years ago today.

8.50 News and sport. With Jan Leeming.

9.10 Film: Sunday, Bloody Sunday (1971) starring Peter Finch, Glenda Jackson and Murray Head. First-rate drama about an eternal triangle with a difference – on one side is Bob Elkin (Head), on the other sides are his homosexual lover (Finch) and his heterosexual lover (Jackson). How the young man's lovers come to terms with the situation is delicately dealt with by the director, John Schlesinger.

10.55 Golf: The Open. Highlights of today's third round.

11.35 Cricket: Highlights of the Benson and Hedges Cup Final. Ends at 12.20.

CHANNEL 4

2.05 Great Walks. Richard Nunns, Susanna Thomas and Rob Ainsley take an 11 mile stroll in the Malvern Hills (r).

2.30 Film: Get Cracking* (1942) starring George Formby. Musical comedy about a dozey lance corporal who becomes involved in the rivalry between the Dad's Armies of two villages. Directed by Marcel Varnel.

4.20 Film: Micro-Phonies* (1945) starring the Three Stooges as plumbers at a radio station. Directed by Edward Bernds.

4.35 Buffalo Bill. The loathsome television chat show host is chased this week by a woman who claims he is the father of her child.

5.05 Brookside. A compilation of the week's two episodes.

6.00 Ear Say. The studio guests are I-Level and Shriek Back; the week's singles releases are reviewed by Billy Connolly; and the main interview is with Miles Copeland, manager of the group, Police.

7.00 News summary followed by 7 Days. Michael Charlton talks to Sir Terence Beckett of the CBI and to Peter Levi, Professor of Poetry at Oxford University. Helen Hayman discusses the Warnock Report with one of the committee members, Professor Anthony Dyson.

7.30 World Alive: Spain. The second programme in the series examining the bird and mammal population of Spain deals with the Royal Eagles.

8.00 The Sporting Horse. An in-depth examination of the skills needed in showjumping.

9.00 Callan. The special agent is given the task of breaking up a romance.

10.00 They Came From Somewhere Else. Comedy science fiction series.

10.30 Film: Dead Men Are Dangerous* (1939) starring Robert Newton as failed writer Aylmer Franklyn who is accused of murder after he takes a dead man's clothes. Directed by Harold French.

11.45 Film: Code of the Secret Service* (1939) starring Ronald Reagan as a secret service agent on the trail of a counterfeit gang in a remote corner of Mexico. Directed by Noel Smith.

12.45 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News; Farming Today.
6.50 In Perspective. 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers.
7.15 On Your Farm.
7.45 In Perspective.
7.50 Down To Earth. Mike Gilliam asks Alan Titchmarsh about jobs in the garden this weekend. 7.55 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4. The latest sporting news.
8.48 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway. The holiday, travel and leisure scene.
9.50 News Stand. Review of weekly magazines.
10.05 The Week in Westminster.
10.30 Pick of the Week.† TV and radio extracts.
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent.
12.00 News; A Small Country Living. Jeanine McMullen meets sowers, hoers, reapers and stock breeders of rural Britain (3).
12.27 Just a Minute† with Kenneth Williams. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News.
2.05 Afternoon Theatre: "A Slip of the Disc". A farcical comedy by John Graham.
3.00 The Jason Explanation of Showbusiness† with David Jason.
3.30 Not Exactly In His Footsteps. Six lurches round England by Ray Gosling (4) "Pakis and Hobbits and Sex in the Hills".
4.15 Cake and Charity. Margaret Howard looks at the pressures of the daily lives of vicar's wives.
4.45 More Wrestling Than Dancing. Six lighthearted talks in which David Moreau recollects his largely unsuccessful attempts to come to grips with life (4) "Going for the Golden Sack".
5.00 Wildlife with Derek Jones.
5.25 Week Ending.† A satirical review of the week's news. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
6.00 News; Sports Round-up.
6.25 Desert Island Discs, Natalia Makarova.†
7.05 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson.†
7.45 Baker's Dozen with Richard Baker.
8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre 'The Godwulf Manuscript' A radio adaptation from the novel by Robert B Parker.†
9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Sporting Chips: A Chip Shop Special – Barry Norman discovers how brawn meets computer brain to make Gold at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.†
11.00 Evening Service.†
11.15 Born Blind. The fourth of five readings about a life-long struggle for acceptance and independence by Cyril Haywood-Jones (4) 'Dawn to Business'.
11.30 Steafel with an 'S' Second in a series of entertainments starring Sheila Steafel with monologues and songs from her one-woman shows.†
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast, Close. ENGLAND VHF with above except: am 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Aubade. Berners's Suite Les sirenes, Soler's String Quintet No 1, Granados La maja y el ruisenor, Chaminade's Sérénade espagnole, arr Kreisler (Yo-Yo Ma, cello), Albeniz's Rapsodia espanola.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Stereo Release. Brahms's Clarinet Sonata No 2 (Karl Leister), Rodrigo's Concerto para una Fiesta (Pepe Romero), Liszt's La lugubre gondola (Anner Bylsma, cello), Turina's Rapsodia sinfonica (Alicia de Larrocha, piano).†
10.25 The Genius of Venice, second programme. Gabrieli to Vivaldi; also incs works by Marini, Luzzaschi, Frescobaldi, Castello and Uccellini. London Baroque.†
11.10 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, with Boris Belkin (violin). Mandelssohn's Overture Ruy Blas, Sibelius's Violin Concerto in D min and Beethoven's Eroica Symph.† With interval reading at 11.55.
1.00 News.
1.05 Gabrieli String Quartet. Mozart's K 575 and Beethoven's Op 135 quartets.†
2.00 Tchaikovsky String Quartet No 2 (Gabrieli String Quartet), Cantata Moscow (N Zaborskikh, mezzo-soprano and A Polyakov, baritone), Mozartiana Suite No 4.†
3.30 William Brons, piano. Brahms's Variations on an original theme Op 21 No 1, Beethoven's Six Bagatelles, Debussy's L'isle joyeuse.†
4.15 American Orchestral Music. Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue (Bernstein, piano), Ives's Symph No 3 (The Camp Meeting).†
5.00 Jazz Record Requests. Introduced by Peter Clayton.†
5.45 † Paint What I Feel About Life. Howard Hodgkin talks about his painting with Edward Lucie-Smith.†
6.25 Gloucester Flutes. Simon Desorgher, with Lawrence Casserley (electronics). Works by Ellis Pehkonen, Peter Lawson and Desorgher.†
7.00 Promenade Concert (see panel).†
7.40 The English Ayre. First of 26 programmes. Consort of Musicke, directed by Anthony Rooley (flute). Works by John Dowland of 1597.†
8.00 Promenade Concert (see panel).†
9.05 Music for harpsichord. Robert Woolley. Byrd's Prelude and Fanasia, Gibbons's Salisbury Pavane, pieces by Frescobaldi.†
9.45 Promenade Concert (see panel).†
11.15 News. Until 11.18. VHF only: Open University. 6.55am Fisheries and Food. 7.15 Maths Foundation Tutorial. 7.35 Calculus: Taylor Series. Ends at 7.55am, 11.20pm Royal Academy 1829. 11.40 "Germinal" – Fact or Fiction. Ends at 12.00. Medium frequency/medium wave as above except: 10.55am-7.00pm Cricket: Benson and Hedges Cup Final; including 1.20 News 1.25 Cricket Forum.

TONIGHT'S PROM

7.00 Walton's March: Crown Imperial; and Walton's Violin Concerto. On Radio 3.†
8.00 Holst's The Planets. Philharmonia Orchestra. Women's voices of Philharmonia Chorus. Conductor: Bernard Haitink. On Radio 3.
9.45 Court and Country Music and Dance from Korea. Yuliyo Akhoe. Radio 3.†

Radio 2

News on the hour until 1.00pm and then from 7.00 (except 8.00pm and 9.00). Headlines: 6.30am, 7.30, Major Bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 4.00am Howard Pearce†. 6.00 Sheila Tracy† incl 7.50 Racing Bulletin. 8.05 David Jacobs†. 10.00 Sound of the 60s† with Keith Fordyce. 11.00 Album Time† with Peter Clayton, incl 11.02 Sports Desk. 1.00pm Roy Castle In Castle's Corner with guests David Copperfield, Carole Hayman and Charles Collingwood. 1.30 Sport On 2: Golf: The 113th Open Championship – commentary on the third round, played on the "Old Course" at St Andrews. Cricket: The Benson and Hedges Cup Final, commentary from Lord's on Lancashire v Warwickshire. Motor Racing: A look ahead to the John Player British Grand Prix which will be held tomorrow at Brands Hatch. 7.00 Three In A Row. Stuart Hall presents a general knowledge quiz from St Peter Port, Guernsey. 7.30 Cricket Scores. Max Jaffa† a Gala Concert direct from the Spa Grand Hall, Scarborough. 8.20-8.40 Interval. 9.30 Big Band Special† with the BBC Big Band. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Saturday Rendezvous† with Sheila Tracy. 11.00 Ken Bruce† with his selection of music. 1.00pm Peter Dickson† presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Country Concert†.

Radio 1

News on the half-hour until 12.30pm, then 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Saturday Show. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00pm My Top Ten† John Peel talks to Andy Peebles and chooses his all-time top ten. 2.00 Paul Gambaccini†. 4.00 Saturday Live† with Richard Skinner and Muriel Gray. 6.30 In Concert† featuring The Psychedelic Furs. 7.30 Janice Long with session from This Final Frame and DekkaDanse. 10.00-12.00 Dixie Peach†. VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 1.00pm With Radio 1. 7.30-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Album Time. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News About Britain. 7.15 From the Weeklies. 7.45 Network. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Peoples Choice. 8.30 Brain of Britain 1984. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Time remembered. 10.15 Letter from America. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 About Britain. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Saturday Special. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Saturday Special. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.15 Good Books. 8.30 With Great Pleasure. 9.15 What's New. 9.30 Time remembered. 10.00 World News. 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Play of the Week. 1.30 Bakers Half Dozen. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Guitar Workshop. 2.30 Sports Review. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 3.30 My Music. 4.45 Financial Review. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 Letter From America. (All times in GMT)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC 1 Wales: 7.10pm-7.15 Sports news Wales. 12.55am Weather, close. Scotland: 7.10pm-7.15 Sport. 12.55am Close. Northern Ireland: 7.10pm-7.15 News and sport. 12.55am News headlines and weather, close. England: 7.10pm-7.15 (London) Sport, (South West) Spotlight Sport, (all other regions) Sport and regional news.

S4C 2.45 Cervantes. 3.40 Questions. 4.10 Film: Hangmen Also Die (Brian Donlevy) War drama. 6.30 Country Routes. 7.35 Newyddion. 7.45 Newydd Bob Nos. 8.15 Byddin Y Telgr. 9.10 Callan. 10.15 Film: Captain Blood (Errol Flynn) Swashbuckling yarn. 12.15 Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: Starts 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Father Murphy. 10.25-10.30 TT Time. 5.10-6.00 Chips. 1.05 am Poet's Corner.

TVS As London except: starts 9.25 Angie Doggie. 9.35 Wheelie and the Chopper Bunch. 10.00-10.30 Batman. 1.05am Company. closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

YORKSHIRE As London except: starts 9.25 Weather, followed by Casper the Friendly Ghost. 9.35 Joe 90. 10.00-10.30 University Challenge. 5.05-6.00 Q.E.D. 12.05am Festival Folk (Johnny McEvoy). 12.35 Closedown.

GRANADA as London except: Starts 9.25 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.35 Secrets of the Coast. 10.05-10.30 Matt and Jenny on the Wilderness Trail. 5.05-6.00 Chips. 12.05 Film: The Honeymoon (Jean-Louis Trintignant). 1.35 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: Starts 9.25 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Thunderbirds. 10.20-10.30 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.05-5.08 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 10.00 Athletics. 10.30-11.35 On the Shelf. 12.05 Weather and close.

TSW As London except: Starts 9.25 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Freeze Frame. 10.27-10.30 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 12.05 am Police Squad. 12.30 Postscript. 12.35 Weather, close.

HTV WEST As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 5.05-6.00 Chips. 12.05am Newhart. 12.35 Weather, Close.

HTV WALES No variation.

ULSTER As London except: starts 9.25 Tarzan. 10.20-10.30 Cartoon Time. 5.10pm Chips. 12.00am Sports Results. 12.05 News.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.05am Gary Burton in Concert. 12.35 At The End of The Day.

GRAMPIAN As London except: starts 9.30 A Iomadh Duthaich. 10.00-10.30 The Smurfs. 5.05-6.00 Chips. 1.05am Reflections. 1.10 Close.

SCOTTISH As London except: starts 9.25 Angel Romero. 9.30 A Iomadh Duthaich. 9.55 Sally and Jake. 10.05-10.30 Happy Days. 12.05am Late Call. 12.10 Rock of the Seventies (Curved Air). 12.45 Close.

CENTRAL As London except: starts 9.25 The Great Cartoon Stars Sylvester and Porky Pig. 9.35-10.30 BMX Pro Spectacular Final. 5.05-6.00 Chips. 12.05am Superstars of Music: (The Ventures). 12.35 Close.

BORDER As London except: starts 9.25 Great Cartoon Stars (Sylvester and Porky Pig). 9.35-10.30 BMX Pro Spectacular Final. 5.05-6.00 Chips. 12.05am Close.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. † Stereo. * Black and white. (r) Repeat.

Sunday

BBC 1

6.20 Open University. Until 8.50.

9.00 Bod. A See-Saw programme for the very young 9.15 Knock Knock. Children's stories from around the world (r) 9.30 Sunday Worship. A new series begins with readings by Fr Michael Butler. 10.00 Asian Magazine includes a film report on the activities of Hounslow multi-cultural centre.

10.30 Open University. Until 1.00

1.00 Farming 1.25 Rockschool. (r) 1.50 News headlines 1.55 The Country Roadshow. A profile of the Country Fair held last September in the grounds of Clun Casle in Shropshire. The horticultural exhibits were judged by Bill Sowerbutts; the cookery entries by Mary Norwak and the arts and craft by John FitzMaurice Mills. Lesley Judd strolled among the stalls, watched the tractor races and the tug-of-war and chatted to the locals.

2.30 Grand Prix Special. Live coverage of the John Player Special Grand Prix raced over 75 laps of the 2.6 mile circuit at Brands Hatch.

4.30 Cartoon: Mickey and Donald.

4.55 Great Little Railways. Michael Wood goes by train through the white-washed villages of the Peloponnese (r) (Ceefax titles page 170).

5.35 The World, the Flesh and the Devil. The first semi-final of the theological college quiz is between Oakhill, north London and Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

6.00 News with Jan Leeming.

6.10 Dombey and Son. Part one of the 10-episode adaptation of Charles Dickens's novel about a father who dotes on his son to the exclusion of his daughter. (r) (Ceefax titles page 170).

6.40 Home on Sunday. Cliff Michelmore at the Hampstead Garden Suburb home of one of my neighbours – Lord Soper (Ceefax titles page 170).

7.15 Are You Being Served? Comedy with the staff of the Grace Brothers store where, this week, Mrs Slocombe has invented a perfume that attracts the opposite sex (r) (Ceefax titles page 170).

7.45 Film: Callie and Son (1981) starring Lindsay Wagner and Jameson Parker. The first showing on British television for this story of a woman's determination to rise from her poor background. She makes it after starting work as a waitress, eventually marrying a successful newspaper publisher and gaining a position of power. But her achievements are threatened when she becomes obsessive about the illigitimate son she bore when she was a teenager. Directed by Waris Hussein.

10.00 News with Jan Leeming.

10.15 Omnibus, introduced by Humphrey Burton. Two films in tonight's edition – Wharfedale Revisited in which Russell Harty explains the reasons why the area attracted England's leading landscape painters; and Squeezing the Frog in which poet Paul Muldoon describes the landscapes of Northern Ireland in verse.

11.05 Golf: The Open. Highlights of the final round.

11.45 Weather.

TV-am

7.25 Good Morning Britain presented by John Stapleton begins with A Thought for Sunday.

7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. (r).

8.30 Good Morning Britain continues with news headlines from Elaine Lipworth.

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9.25 LWT Information 9.30 I'm Young But Special. Handicapped young people in a family setting (r) 10.00 Morning Worship from Salford Methodist Community Church 11.00 Link. The story of Tim Marshall who broke his back in climbing accident 12 years ago and is now confined to a wheelchair. But this hasn't stopped his sporting ambition. He sails, plays ice hockey and this year competed in the London Marathon 11.30 Star Fleet. Episode 15.

12.00 Weekend World Special: Can Thatcher beat the Strikers? Among those being interviewed by Brian Walden is the Secretary of State for Energy, Peter Walker.

1.00 Police 5. 1.15 The Smurfs (r) 1.30 The Groovy Ghoulies.

2.00 Platform Two. An examination of how life is portrayed by the media. The guests are Margaret Hebblethwaite and the Rev Dr Charles Elliott.

2.30 London news headlines followed by Survival: The Wind Across the Lake. A documentary about the wildlife that frequents the annual lagoons created on the leeward shore of Lake Malawi 3.00 QED. Quentin E. Deverill discovers a drug racket in Limehouse.

4.00 Film: Albert Carter QOSO (1967) Comedy starring Roy Kinnear as the man who cannot keep a job. Directed by Ian Brims 4.30 Murphy's Mob. (r) 5.00 The Smurfic Games.

5.30 Magnum. The private detective is hired to protect a young tennis progidy.

6.30 News.

6.40 Topping on Sunday. A New Beginning is this evening's theme and Frank Topping's guest is Bob Champion.

7.15 The Sensible Show. The Tingles of West Yorkshire are challenged by the Harbottles of Blackpool in an off-beat series of contests.

7.50 Film: Weekend of Terror (1970) starring Robert Conrad and Lee Majors. Two kidnappers panic when their victim dies before they can collect the ransom. They find a lookalike among a trio of nuns by the side of a broken down car. Directed by Jud Taylor. (Oracle titles page 170.)

9.15 News.

9.30 Now and Then Comedy series about two generations of an ordinary family.

10.00 Play: As Man and Wife, by Lesley Bruce. The Department of Health and Social Security don't believe that Carol, a single parent and Ed, recently divorced are not living together. Starring Michael Kitchen and Dinah Stabb.

11.00 London news headlines followed by Journey to the Unknown. A man arranges his own death – and then changes his mind.

12.00 Antibes Jazz Festival.

12.25 Night Thoughts.

Karen Archer and John Alderton play Dee and Lyall Jarvis in the comedy series, Father's Day. Channel 4 9 15pm

BBC 2

6.25 Open University: Until 1.55.

1.55 Sunday Grandstand introduced from the Old Course, St Andrews. Golf and Athletics are featured this afternoon with live coverage of the closing holes of the 113th British Open Golf Championship and a preview of the Olympic Games by Brendan Foster and David Moorcroft.

6.50 News Review. A digest of the week's news, read by Jan Leeming. With subtitles for the hearing impaired.

7.15 Arthur Negus Enjoys Shugborough Hall in Staffordshire, built by Admiral Lord George Anson with the money he received for capturing a Spanish treasure ship in 1743. With Arthur Negus is David Howard, author and expert on antique heraldry who examines the family history and the armorials that adorn much of the Hall's furniture and porcelain.

7.40 News with Jan Leeming.

7.45 A Moment to Talk. The fourth programme on the series of ten eavesdrops on the conversations of dismissed workers from Lefray Toys, in Aberbeeg, south Wales.

8.00 The Natural World: Fragments of Eden. A documentary about the wildlife of the Seychelles, a group of tiny islands in the Indian Ocean with a total land area of about the size of the Isle of Wight. It was here, 100 years ago, that General Gordon thought that he had found the Garden of Eden.

8.50 The Levin Interviews. The fifth programme of Bernard Levin's series and his guest is Sir John H Plumb, until recently Master of Christ's College, Cambridge, where he had previously been Professor of Modern History. Sir John is regarded as the greatest authority on 18th century England and has been described as 'one of the most enjoyable of living historians'.

9.20 Grand Prix. Highlights of this afternoon's British Grand Prix.

10.00 Film: Among the Cinders (1983). The last in the season of New Zealand-made films is a story of discovery. Nick Flinders, his Maori friend accidently killed and with an unhappy love-life, goes to stay with his eccentric grandfather. Together they make a trip to the countryside the grandfather knew as a boy. Directed by Rolf Haedrich. Ends at 11.50.

CHANNEL 4

1.55 Irish Angle. Three stories this week The main one being an in-depth interview with Fr Niall O'Brien, recently returned to Dublin after spending two years in a Philippino jail charged with murder and insurrection.

2.25 Questions. Marcel Berlin's sixth guest is Professor Hans Eysenck, the controversial psychologist. He will explain his theories and answer the criticism that his conclusions are racialist

2.55 Opera on Four: The Magic Flute. Ingmar Bergman's film of Mozart's opera is the last in the channel's summer opera season The cast includes Haken Hagegard as Papageno and Elisabeth Erickson as Papagena The Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra and Chorus are conducted by Eric Ericson. The opera is sung in Swedish, with English subtitles

5.15 Christo's Valley Curtain. A documentary that follows the efforts of the French artist Christo as he tries to hang an orange curtain across a valley in the United States.

5.45 News summary and weather followed by Face the Press. Dame Mary Warnock, chairman of the inquiry into Human Fertilisation is questioned about the findings of her committee by Mary Kenny of the Sunday Telegraph and Oliver Gillie of the Sunday Times

6.15 Strumpet City. Part three and union unrest is growing.

7.15 Design. The final programme of the series on different aspects of design is a profile of one of the world s leading industrial designers, Richard Sapper

8.15 Upstairs, Downstairs. It is July 1914 and with the war threatening, the various members of the Eaton Place household react to the coming conflict in different ways

9.15 Father's Day. Domestic comedy series starring John Alderton.

9.50 Preview: The Spaver Connection, by Sue Glover. The story of a teenaged girl's reaction when she discovers that her mother's late husband was not her father Starring Lesley Fitz-Simons

10.20 The Golden Moment. Part one of a two-part film about an American athlete and a Russian gymnast who fall in love. Directed by Richard Sarafian

12.10 Closedown

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News; Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 Apna Hi ghar Samajhiye 7.45 Bells 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves 7.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday.
8.50 Week's Good Cause: Baroness Ewart-Biggs talks about an organization which supports positive self-help community initiatives in some of the most difficult areas in Northern Ireland. 8.55 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke.
9.30 Morning Service from the Church of St Edmund and St Frideswide, Oxford.
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11.15 The Colour Supplement. The glossy Sunday† magazine with Sarah Kennedy and Nigel Farrell looking at some of the serious issues raised over the past week – and to smile at others. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World This Weekend: News 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Talkabour Gardening (new series) Clay Jones takes a guided tour with comedian Les Dawson of his garden and talks to him of his love of plants and gardening.
2.30 Afternoon Theatre 'Campus Blues' by Andrew Davies†.
3.45 Glyn Worsnip in the BBC Sound Archives.
4.00 News; Home-ing In. Radio 4's do-it-yourself magazine with Marjorie Lofthouse.
4.30 The Living World. A magazine edition reflecting the changing world of plants and animals.
5.00 News; Travel.
5.05 Down Your Way visits Sevenoaks in Kent.
6.00 News.
6.15 Round Britain Quiz (new series) A further quiz of the urbane quiz.
6.45 Persona Grata. Fritz Speigl talks about three of his favourite humourous characters from fiction.
7.00 Travel; The Big March by Allan Prior, dramatized in eight parts (4)†.
7.30 A Good Read.
8.00 Letter from Los Angeles.
8.15 Sir Geraint Evans – Time Remembered. In the third of four programmes this world-famous baritone looks back at the people and events that have shaped his life and career.
9.00 News; Sword of Honour by Evelyn Waugh, dramatized in 11 parts (4)†. 9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 The countryside in Summer. This month Wynford Vaughan-Thomas goes down to the riverbank for a fishing expedition.
11.00 A New Reality. Cecil Lewis in conversation with Joy Harrison recalling the life and ideas of the philosopher-mystic Gurdjieff.
11.15 Inside Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast. Close. ENGLAND: VHF with If above except: 7.00-7.45am Open University: 7.05 King Lear 7.25 Literacy Education and Society 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.00-6.00 Study on 4: 4.00 Six Walks with Mike Harding 4.30 Get By In French 5.00 Back On Course II 5.30 A Great Day Out At. . . .

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Dvorak Chamber Music. Legends Op 59 and String Quintet Op 97†.
9.00 News.
9.05 Your Concert Choice. Buxtehude's A min Prelude and Fuga, Gluck's Ballet Don Juan, Strauss's Don Quixote Op 35†.
10.45 Prom Talk. Sir Michael Tippett talks about The Mask of Time, and Nicholas Maw (Scenes and Arias) and Philip Pickett (Carmina Burana) talk about their work. Geoffrey Norris on Mussorgsky†.
11.15 Hallé Orchestra. Brahms's Symphony No 3, Liszt's Piano Concerto No 2, Scriabin's Poem of Ecstasy†.
12.55 Ida Haendel (violin). Brahms's Sonata Op 108, Three Brahms's Hungarian Dances, Szymanowski Mythes, Saint-Saens's Op 28. With Craig Sheppard (piano)†.
1.55 Mozart's Serenade K361†.
2.45 Scottish National Orchestra. Conductor Sir Alexander Gibson. Thomas Wilson's Touchstone, Robin Orr's Symphony No 1, Sibelius's Symphony No 6†.
3.45 Clarinet (Thea King). Andreas Romberg's Clarinet Quintet Op 57, Heinrich Baermann's Clarinet Quartet Op 18†.
4.25 The King of Harlem. Lorca's vision to music by Hans Werner Henze. Maureen McNalley, mezzo-soprano†.
5.00 Constaintin Brancusi. An impression of the Romanian scuiptur, with Alred Marks as Brancusi. Compiled by Sandra Millert.
5.45 Le Vin Herbé. Frank Martin's opera in three acts, sung in French, by 12 soloists. Based on Joseph Bedier's Romance of Tristan and Iseult†.
8.10 Brontosaurus. Play by Lanford Wilson. With Margaret Robertson†.
9.00 Cheltenham Festival of Music 1984. Philharmonia Orchestra, conductor Edward Downes. Holst's Ballet Music The Perfect Fool, Peter Dickinson's Piano Concerto (first performance; Howard Shelley, piano), Elgar's Symphony No 2†. Interval reading at 9.45.
10.50 Michala Petri Trio. 18th Century music, including Teleman. Michala Petri (recorders), Hanne Petri (harpsichord), David Petri (piano)†.
11.15 News until 11.18. VHF only: Open University. 6.55am Modern Art: Breton and Trotsky. 7.15 Creaole Dialect. 7.35 What is Place? Ends at 7.55am.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00pm). Headlines: 7.30am. Major Bulletins: 8.00am and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 4.00am Howard Pearce† 6.00 Sheila Tracy† 7.30 Paul McDowell† says Good Morning Sunday, Incl. 7.45 Bishop Bill Westwood. 9.00 David Jacobs† with Melodies for You. 11.00 Desmond Carrington.† Radio 2 All-Time Greats 12.30pm The Grumbleweeds† starring Albert, Carl, Graham, Maurice and Robin. 12.59 Sports Desk. 1.00 Ray Moore with Two's Best.† 2.00 Sport on 2 at St Andrews: Golf: Commentary on the final of the 113th Open championship played on the Old Course at St Andrews Motor Racing: The John Player British Grand Prix – commentary from Brands Hatch on the tenth round of the Formula 1 championship plus Cricket: news of the John Player league. 6.00 Charlie Chester with Your Sunday Soapbox. 7.00 John Lawrenson Sings 7.30 Cricket Scores; Glamorous Nights with Robin Boyle. 8.30 Sunday Half-hour from Charing Cross Methodist Church, Birkenhead. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes with Alan Keith 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Songs From The Shows A programme of musical memories 11.00 Sounds of Jazz with Peter Clayton (stereo from 12.00). 1.00am Peter Dickson† presents Nightride 3.00-4.00 Ray Moore with Two's Best.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour until 11.30am, then 2.30pm, 3.30, 5.00, 7.30, 9.30 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.0am Mark Page. 8.0 Tony Blackburn's Sunday Show. 10.00 Adrian Juste. 12.00pm Jimmy Savile's "Old Record" Club 2.00 Steve Wright and Mike Read with the Radio 1 Roadshow from Gateshead Stadium, Tyne and Wear 4.00 Paul Gambaccini with an apperciation of Jerry Lee Lewis. 5.00 Top 40† with Simon Bates. 7.00 Anne Nightingale.† 9.00 Robbie Vincent† with the delights of dance music. 11.00-12.00 Gary Byrd's Sweet Inspirations† VHF Radios 1 and 2. 4.00am With Radio 2. 2.00pm Benny Green.† 3.00 AlanDell† with Sounds Easy 4.00 String Sound† with Hilary Osborn 4.30 Sing Something Simple† with The Cliff Adams Singers. 5.00 with Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am with Radio 2

For World Service see facing page

BBC 1 Wales 1.00pm-1.25 Farming in Wales. 11.45 News and weather. Scotland 11.45pm News and weather. Northern Ireland 11.45pm News and weather. England 11.50pm Close.

S4C 2.05 Black on Black. 3.00 Opera: The Magic Flute. 5.20 7 days. 5.45 Today's History. 6.15 Strumpet City. 7.15 Newyddion Ameeth. 7.20 Newyddion. 7.30 Canwch yn Llafar. 8.00 Goreuon Gwynfryn. 8.35 Byd Cerdd. 9.50 Design. 10.45 American Caesar. 11.15 Film: Warn that Man* (1943) war drama. 12.45 Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: starts 9.25 The Wonderful stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30-11.00 A Working Faith. 11.30-12.00 I'm Young But Special. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30-4.30 Film: Robinson Crusoe and the Tiger (Hugo Stiglitz) (1972). 5.30-6.30 The Fall Guy. 11.00 International Rugby League (New Zealand v Great Britain). 12.15am Reflections, 12.20 Close.

TSW As London except: starts 9.30-10.00 Link. 11.00 I'm Young But Special. 11.25 Look and See. 11.30-12.00 The South West Week. 1.00 Gardens For All. 1.30 Holiday Happenings. 1.50-2.00 Fisheries News. 2.30 An Canker Seth. 2.40 University Challenge. 3.10-4.30 Film: The Power Within. (1979). 5.30-6.30 Return of the Saint. 11.00 Quincy. 12.00 Postscript. 12.05 Weather, Close.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CHANNEL As London except: starts 1.25pm Weather. 1.25 Starting point. 1.30-2.00 Getting On. 2.30 Sarnia Big Band. 2.40 University Challenge. 3.10-4.30 Film: The Power Within. 5.30-6.30 Return of the Saint. 11.00 The Devlin Connection. 11.50 Weather, Close.

BORDER As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 Border Diary. 11.30-12.00 Farming Outlook. 1.00 Border Diary. 1.05-2.00 Return of The Saint. 2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.25 Battlestar Galactica. 4.20-4.30 Cartoon Time. 5.30 The Flintstones. 6.00-6.30 Try For Ten. 11.00 Rugby League, 12.15 Close.

HTV WEST As London except: starts 9.25 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.30-10.00 Orphans of the Wild. 11.30-12.00 I'm Young but Special. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Farming Wales. 2.30-4.30 Film: She (Ursula Andress. 5.30-6.30 Falcon Crest. 11.00 Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 11.45 Weather. Close.

HTV Wales: No variation.

ULSTER As London except: starts 11.00 Link. 11.30 I'm Young but Special. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Gardening Time. 1.59-2.00 Farming Weather. 2.30 Return of The Saint. 3.30-4.30 Little House on the Prairie. 5.30-6.30 Whiz Kids. 11.00 Sports Results. 11.05 In Concert (Nana Mouskouri). 12.05 News.

TYNE TEES As London except: starts 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30-10.00 Link. 11.00 I'm Young but Special. 11.28 Lookaround. 11.30 The Groovie Goolies. 11.58-12.00 North East News. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30 The Beverly Hillbillies. 3.00 The Royal Family. 3.30-4.30 Battlestar Galactica. 5.32-6.30 Falcon Crest. 11.00 Casablanca. 12.00 Harvest Jazz (Stan Getz). 12.30 Stockton on Tees Vocal Union.

GRANADA As London except: starts 9.25 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.30-10.00 The Greatest Thinkers. 11.00 I'm Young but Special. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 This is Your Right. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 The Adventurer. 2.30 Film: A King's Story (Edward VIII). 4.25-4.30 Cartoon. 5.00 The Goodies. 5.30-6.30 Return of the Saint. 11.00 International Rugby League (New Zealand v Great Britain). 12.15 Close.

CENTRAL As London except: starts 9.25 The Wonderful World of Professor Kitzel. 9.30-10.00 About Britain. 11.30-12.00 I'm Young But Special. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Gardening Time. 2.30-4.00 Film: Diamond Head (1963) (Charlton Heston). 5.30-6.30 Falcon Crest. 11.00 Film: Bitter Harvest (1963) (Janet Munro) 12.45 Close.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.30-10.00 Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 11.30-12.00 I'm Young But Special. 1.00 Laurel and Hardy in Putting Pants on Philip* (1927). 1.25 Weather. 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary. 2.30 Film: Nearest and Dearest (1972) Comedy. 4.00-4.30 The Goodies. 5.00 Winner Takes All. 5.30-6.30 Return Of The Saint. 11.00 Shelley. 11.30 The Devlin Connection. 12.25am Spirit of Today. Close.

SCOTTISH As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 Wattoo Wattoo. 10.00-11.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Sunday Service. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30-4.30 Film: Donovan's Reef (1963) (John Wayne). 5.30-6.30 Falcon Crest. 11.00 Late Call. 11.05 Return of the Saint. 12.05am Close.

TVS As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 Farming Brief. 11.30 Animals in Action. 1.00 Over the Garden Wall. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2–30 Film: The 25th Hour (1967) Anthony Quinn. 5.35-6.30 Chips. 11.00 Fatima Whitbread. 11.30 That's Hollywood. 12.00 Company.

YORKSHIRE As London except: starts 9.25 Weather followed by Link. 11.00 I'm Young but Special. 11.30 Farming Diary. 1.00 Whiz Kids. 2.30 Cartoon Time. 2.45 Film: East of Sudan (Anthony Quayle). 5.30 Return of The Saint. 11.00 Rugby League: New Zealand v Great Britain. 11.30 Evening at Pops. 12.15am Five Minutes. 12.20 Close.

US tries Japanese way of working

As four giant earth-moving machines rolled into action to start work on the site of Nissan's planned £1½ million car plant at Washington Newtown in Wearside, Trevor Fishlock *reports from Smyrna, Tennessee, on how the Americans have taken to the Japanese style of management.*

The day the ground was broken for the huge Nissan plant in Tennessee there was a rowdy demonstration. Speeches were punctuated by shouts of "Go home, Japs". Trade unions paid for an aircraft to fly overhead towing a banner saying "Boycott Datsun: put America back to work".

A snowplough chosen to break the icy ground had its tyres slashed by protesters.

It was an eruption of resentment at a time when American motor manufacturing was in trouble: fat, inefficient and hidebound, hobbled by outdated management and union practices, feeling the heat of the Japanese challenge.

The Nissan plant goes to the heart of the matter. It offers an example and a provoking challenge to the industry and to the United Automobile Workers (UAW) which campaigns to restrict Japanese imports.

Nissan, which makes Datsun cars and lorries, is the world's largest motor manufacturer. Its American plant at Smyrna 20 miles south of Nashville, built for £471m, is the largest Japanese investment in America. It is under American management and, apart from 15 Japanese, its 1,900 work-force are American, mostly Tennessean. A fifth are women.

The factory has been in production for just over a year. It is judged by Fortune magazine to be one of America's ten best-run companies. It makes pick-up lorries recently assessed by the leading trade journal to be the best in the country. Next year the plant starts making small cars and expanding its work-force.

The management says that union membership is a matter for the workers. But so far the union has failed to make any inroad into the factory. Union officials say workers have been brainwashed and that they will want to organize after a honeymoon period. But there is no enthusiasm for the union. One paint shop worker summed up what other Nissan staff said: "Having the union here would be like living with your mother-in-law. We don't need a third party to argue with. We all have our say and we run the place together."

The workers have adopted, and adapted, Japanese working practices. Some have been to Japan for part of their training. They are issued with three shirt-and-trouser blue suits, never called uniforms, with their first name embroidered on the chest. They are not obliged to wear them, but most do. But all over the factory are people who wear jeans and tee shirts.

There is no company song and no compulsory morning exercise. Most workers (they are, in fact, called technicians) exercise at the numerous ping-pong tables dotted throughout the plant, or sweat at the company gym.

There is no executive parking, dining or lavatory. Executive wear the blue outfit. The management hierarchy has been reduced.

Assembly lines are run with the latest methods. The work-force is divided into teams, each responsible for a part of production. There is no demarcation. Each member is cross-trained to do someone else's job – and does it.

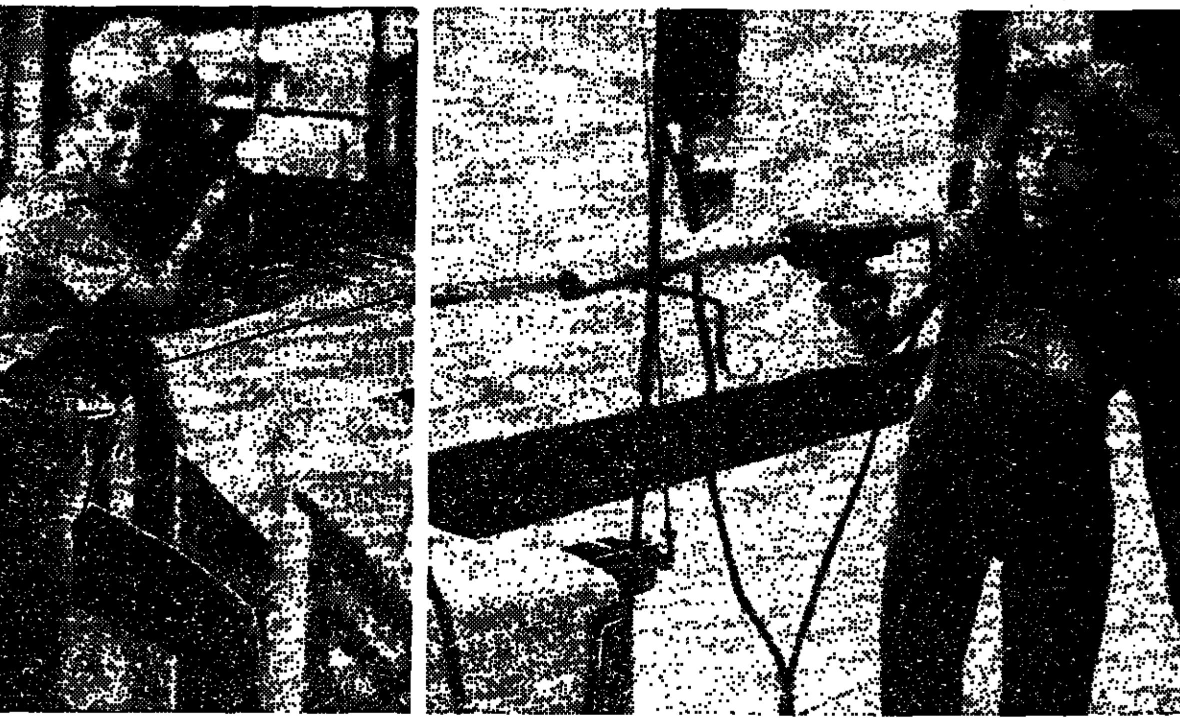
"Noone talks of 'my job' ", said Mrs Barbara Thomas, a welder. "We talk of 'our job'."

In planning work schedules the teams rotate dull jobs. Some difficult and monotonous jobs have been taken over by robots.

There is no demeaning clocking-in at 7am. Each team gathers for 10 minutes to discuss production, allot tasks, solve problems and, if necessary, air grievances.







Shining example: Workers at Nissan's motor manufacturing plant in Smyrna, Tennessee, judged one of America's best-run companies. In Newcastle, in the driving seat of a giant earth mover is Mr Toshiaki Tsuchiya, a Nissan director.

Court sets prisoner free after 16 years

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Mr Mycock, who granted his freedom with a wave from the dock, said afterwards: "I am bitter about Dr Clift's evidence and that of the police. I am in no way responsible for the crimes committed against this old lady. The murderer could still be at large."

Eight more cases are pending before the Court of Appeal concerning evidence given by Dr Clift. He was suspended by the Home Office in 1977 and compulsorily retired in 1981 after the Scottish Court of Appeal concluded that he had been "discredited not only as a scientist but as a witness".

Earlier this year the Ombudsman criticized the Home Office for delays in investigating Dr Clift's work after his suspension. The review considered 1,500 cases in which Dr Clift had examined material and 129 instances when people were convicted after denying the offences.

Sixteen cases were referred by the Home Secretary to the Court of Appeal. Two did not want their cases reopened and three have not been traced.

A further two cases are to be heard this month and six in the autumn. The people involved have been released, including a man who was given a life sentence for murder in 1970. The convictions included rape, burglary, grievous bodily harm and manslaughter.

Inquiry into BBC broadcasts

A "value for money" inquiry by independent consultants is to be made into the BBC's domestic broadcasting services following a request from the Home Secretary.

The BBC's board of governors has agreed to the review which is to take place over the next few months. The BBC will appoint the review and will discuss the terms of reference and the choice of consultant with the Home Office.

Savile robbed

Jimmy Savile, the disc jockey, has had £35,000 worth of rings stolen from his London flat, police said last night.

Frank Johnson in San Francisco

Mondale offers the Song of Norway

The last day of the Democratic Convention brought us the Song of Norway: Mr Mondale's big speech.

It must have been a monstrous ordeal to have arrived, as Mr Mondale did on Thursday night, heralded by thumpingly recorded disco music alternating with an old-fashioned band, to orate before a vast flag-waving crowd, hundreds of television cameras, and thousands of impertinent reportorial notebooks, when much of the world has been at some length that you are a bore.

An article on Mr Mondale's origins in the latest issue of the magazine *New Republic*, describing his native Minnesota, observed: "The dominant religion is Lutheranism, which stresses ritual, authority and social obligation. Most people are Scandinavian like Mondale, who finds the poetry of life fishing in the silence of the north woods."

One deduced from this that, had Mr Mondale played his cards right, or had his grandfather stayed at home, the Democratic candidate might instead have become a Norwegian. Olaf Palme. Instead, this solitary fisherman of the North Woods, found himself in San Francisco. Moreover, he was heavily dependent on an un-Nordic-sounding woman named Mrs Ferraro.

More difficult still, he had to address this heaving mass of, among others, blacks, Hispanics and gays. Worse, they were all jumping up and down to this animalistic o tune called "Celebration". This seems to have replaced the Rooseveltian "Happy Days Are Here Again", as the party's theme song, which change is further proof of the Decline of the West.

The speech, then, was the supreme test of Mr Marty Kaplan. All ears now turned to him. He, we were informed by the San Francisco *Chronicle*, is Mr Mondale's chief speech writer. We must assume that Mr Kaplan is a second generation Norwegian. At some point, he would have New York-ized his name.

Early in the speech Mr Kaplan emphasized how hard Mr Mondale had worked to learn the lessons of the party's defeat in 1980. Soon he got Mr mondale to confront what seems to be the biggest issue of the campaign. For the candidate told the crowd: "Someone said to me: 'Fritz, are those bags under your eyes natural?' And I said 'No, I got them the old-fashioned way. I earned them'."

Having dealt with the question of how he looks on television, Mr Mondale moved on to lesser issues. "They (the Reagan people) encouraged executives to vote themselves huge bonuses, while using King Kong tactics to make workers take Hong Kong wages. Mr Reagan believes that the genious of America is in the boardrooms and exclusive country clubs."

There was also what seems to be an implicit threat to British export. Mr Reagan had given "his rich friends enough tax relief to buy a Rolls-Royce, and he asked your family to pay for the hug caps".

Mr Mondale was also effective on the budget deficit. Whoever was elected in November, taxes would have to go up, he said. "Mr Reagan will raise taxes, and so will I. He won't tell you, I just did".

Half the speech, then, was not the work of a bore. Mr Mondale emerged as a considerable campaigner. But sadly it declined into an account of an America as a land sorely troubled. This is against the evidence of inflation, unemployment, opinion polls and above all the visitor's own eyes.

More worryingly for Americans, he said they must become better educated. They should watch less television, he advised those of his television audience who, by this stage of the speech, had not taken this advice already. "Kids must do their homework" demanded, with some bathos, this would-be leader of the Western world.

A Mondale administration, then, would be a grim one for all devotees of American culture. But then Mr Mondale and Mr Kaplan, splendid though their speech was in the more rascally political passages, were working under the gloomy influence of their national bard, Ibsen, like all this century's masters of Norwegian fiction.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Solution of Puzzle No 16,481

Solution of Puzzle No 16,487

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,488

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: D. J. Burston, 156 Caterham Drive, Old Coulsdon, Surrey; Betty Forrester, Little Tanners, Brockham Green, Betchworth, Surrey; John Rutherford, 12 Church Walk, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Name ....

Address ....

ACROSS

1 Stripped to the waist like the Trojan draughtsmen? (7).
5 Endorse record in arrears (7).
9 Noblemen taken to court in London (5).
10 Cover short distance by car – use northern diversion (9).
11 Environmental set-up for radar installation, some say (9).
12 The end of an extraordinary love-game (5).
13 Is there a doctor on board? Yes! (5).
15 Perhaps let the meter-reader first assemble the light fitting (3-6).
18 Fairy encountered by oriental ruler at the boundary (9).
19 Times produces inside page without edited item (5).
21 Church official has no right to a staff (5).
23 Sailor joining boat who did topping work (4,5).
25 Sort of shirt French confessor put on for marriage outfit (9).
26 Bitter outcome of caber-tossing (5).
27 Issue for Lord Chamberlain in Shakesperian character-part (7).
28 Amend, please, before note is passed (7).

DOWN

1 Legendary Greek matador from the South-Eastern States (7).
2 Theatre company put up with old actor (9).
3 Try saying "it" initially (5).
4 Penniless 1 *ac* crew is obviously stretched! (4-5).
5 The sweeper's a northern woman (5).
6 No actor could be crazy about marine flyer (9).
7 Weapon broken in argument (5).
8 Shell dropped in syrup? (7).
14 Topsy-turvy movement in West Country, it's said (9).
16 Criticism confined to river (9).
17 Hardy girl going round nearly empty river is a siren (9).
18 Cardinal puts up note to bigwig (7).
20 Eli's grandson gives cry of regret (7).
22 Right-hand man (or woman?) in French waterway department (5).
23 Small jumpers for one of the little women? Yes, maybe (5).
24 Bear helps to make KoKo a laughing-stock (5).

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 14

Today's events

Royal engagement

Princess Anne attends the Women's Cricket One Day International between England and New Zealand at the Gloucestershire County Cricket Ground, Bristol, 3..

Talk

Venice and Byzantium by Antony Bridge, St Margret's Church, King's Lynn, Norfolk, 3.

Music

Concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Chichester Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by the Rochester Chamber Orchestra, Rochester Cathedral, 4.30.

Organ recital by Ernest Pratt, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, 3.

General

Weston-super-Mare Summer Carnival Procession, Weston Town Centre, Avon, 7.30.

Portland Navy Days, Dorset, 12 to 6.30 daily (until July 22).

Holkham Country Fair, Holkham Park, Wells, Norfolk, 9.30 to 6.30 daily (until July 22).

Tomorrow

Royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, patron: British Paraplegic Sports Society, opens the VII World Wheelchair Games (Paralympics) at the Ludwig Guttmann Sports Centre for the Disabled, Stoke Mandeville, Harvey Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks, 11.15.

Princess Alexandra tours Morayshire, Scotland; attends the Forres Fair, Grant Park, 3.15; and later the Royal Findhorn Yacht Club, 4.55.

Prince Michael of Kent, as president of the Royal Automobile Club, attends British Grand Prix, at Brands Hatch, 12.30.

Music

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Winter Gardens, 8.

Recital of poetry and song by Rona Campbell, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, 8.

General

Royal Ascot Spectacular, Berkshire, 11 to 5.

International Gathering of Town Criers, Marine Parade, Lyme Regis, 3.

Royal Bath and West Summer Show, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, 9.

Anniversaries

Births: Jean Picard, astronomer, La Flèche, France, 1620; Paul Julius, Baron von Reuter, founder of the news agency of that name, Kassel, Germany, 1816.

Deaths: Robert Burns, Dumfries, 1796; Dame Ellen Terry, Small Hythe, Kent, 1928; Albert John Luthuli, prominent member of the African National Congress, Nobel Peace Laureate 1960, Stanger, South Africa, 1967.

TOMORROW

Births: Selman Waksman, biochemist, Nobel laureate 1952, Priluka, Russia, 1888; Stephen Vincent Benet, poet and novelist, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 1898.

Deaths: Florenz Ziegfeld, Hollywood, 1932; W L Mackenzie King, prime minister of Canada 1921-26, 1926-30, 1935-48, Kingsmere, Quebec, 1950; Carl Sandburg, poet, Flat Rock, North Carolina, 1967

Today is the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene who stood by the Cross of Christ (Mark xv, 40) and to whom He appeared on the Resurrection (Mark xvi, 9).

In the garden

Now is the time to order corms of autumn crocuses (true crocuses) colchicums, large flowers often erroneously called autumn crocuses, for planting to flower this autumn. Many annual flowers will give a second and in some cases a third flowering if clipped over when the first flowers fade: alyssum, lobelias, linarias, calendulas, and antirrhinums.

Climbing roses are making long new growths. These are easily broken away by storms and should be made secure as soon as they are two to three feet long.

Some lawn weeds such as clover seem to be able to withstand drought conditions better than grass. So it will pay to apply a selective weed killer now. There are weed killers now that will control practically all lawn weeds so one should check the lables carefully before buying. Make a sewing of parsley and a sewing of an early variety of peas. More sewings of lettuce may be made this month to mature before the winter. A packet of mixed lettuce varieties will give heads for cutting for more than a month. RH

Gardens open

P: Plants for sale

TODAY

Shropshire: Burford House Gardens, Tenbury Wells on Ludlow Rd, four acre garden, vine trees, shrubs, many rare and unusual plants; plants for sale in adjoining nursery, specializing in clematis and shrubs; 11-5.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Surrey: Chilworth Manor, near Guildford, ¼ m from Chilworth village; off A248; old garden, stew ponds, borders, walled gardens; display of flower arrangements; 2-7.

TOMORROW

Ayrshire: Auchincruive, Ayr: Scotland Agricultural College; Riverside Gardens, plant display houses, herbaceous, shrubs; P, also self pick flowers and vegetables; 2-6. Yorkshire: The Heath, Long Causeway, Adel, Leeds, off A.660; 6-acre garden, herbaceous, roses, over 100 exhibition delphiniums; 2-7; Midlothian: Forbes Lodge, Gifford: water garden old shrub roses; 2-6. Wiltshire: Little Durnford Manor, 3 mile N of Salisbury, from A345 take road to Stratford sub Castle: cedars, lake, water lilies, small garden, rockery. P; 2-7 Devon: Leigh Cottage, Kennerleigh, 5 miles N. Crediton, off Tiverton road; partly walled garden, great variety of plants, rock gardens, pool, herbaceous, roses; P if available; 2.30-5.30 Kent: Oldbury Place, Ightham, east of Sevenoaks, ½ mile from Ightham on A25 at Oldbury cross roads, seven acres; fine old trees and shrubs. P; 2-6.30 Northamptonshire: Balwick Park 8 miles NE of Corby, 13 miles NE Kettering: large garden, formal terrace, new avenue, orangery; 2-5.30 Yorkshire: 30 Latchmere Rd, Leeds, 16; small garden but full of plant interest, ferns, camomile lawn, herbaceous, pools, alpines, clematis; P; 2.30-6.0

RH

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.65	1.58
Austria Sch	27.70	26.10
Belgium Fr	79.85	75.65
Canada $	1.81	1.74
Denmark Kr	14.30	13.60
Finland Mkk	8.26	7.86
France Fr	11.92	11.42
Germany DM	3.91	3.72
Greece Dr	157.00	146.00
Hongkong $	10.79	10.19
Ireland Pt	1.27	1.21
Italy Lira	2390.00	2280.00
Japan Yen	337.00	321.00
Netherlands Gld	4.42	4.20
Norway Kr	11.27	10.77
Portugal Esc	201.00	193.00
South Africa Rd	2.18	2.04
Spain Pta	216.00	206.00
Sweden Kr	11.32	10.92
Switzerland Fr	3.31	3.15
USA $	1.38	1.31
Yugoslavia Dnr	196.00	185.00

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London: The *FT* index closed up 11.5 at 776.2.

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Roads

London and South-east: A40: Western Ave, resurfacing work on E-bound carriageway between the Target roundabout and the Greenfor flyover. A308: New Kings Rd, gas repairs on the E-bound carriageway delays towards Putney Bridge.

Wales and West: A477: Kilgetty by-pass, now opened to traffic between M4 and Pembrokeshire coast. M4: Severn Bridge, no lane restrictions throughout holiday weekend. M4: Swindon, contraflow system in operation between junction 16 (Swindon) and 17 (Chippenham).

Midlands: M6: Coventry, contraflow between junction 3 (Coventry North) and Junction 4 (M42 Birmingham airport). M1: Leicester, contraflow system in operation at Junction 22 (Ashby). M5: Birmingham, contraflow system in operation between Junction 3 (Birmingham West) and Junction 4 (Bromsgrove).

North: M6/M55: both likely to be extra busy with holiday traffic. M1/M62: Manchester, resurfacing work all weekend at the Greater Manchester interchange. M6: Lancashire, contraflow system in operation between Junction 32 (Preston) and Junction 33 (Lancaster) resurfacing work on southbound carriageway, severe delays.

Scotland: A85/A92: Dundee, start of "Dundee Fortnight" so extra busy on A85 and A92. A77: Western Scotland, repairs between Glasgow and Ayr continue to hold up traffic. M8: Erskine, resurfacing at Junction 30 (M898 Erskine Bridge) contraflow on eastbound carriageway, diversion via Junction 31 (Bishopton).

Information supplied by AA

Gains and losses

Owing to distribution difficulties associated with the dock strike, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* gains and losses for readers who may have been unable to obtain their copies of *The Times*. Today's list is on page 22.

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	−1	+1	+1	+1	+2		
2	−3	+1	+1	+2	+3		
3	−2	+2	+1	+1	+2		
4	−1	+1	+1	−1	+4		
5	−3	+1	+1	+1	+4		
6	−1	−1	+2	+1	+2		
7	−3	+1	+2	+2	+3		
8	−5	+2	+2	+1	+2		
9	−3	+1	+1	+2	+5		
10	−2	+2	+1	−1	+4		
11	−4	+1	+7	−2	+5		
12	−5	+1	+1	−1	+2		
13	−5	+1	+4	−1	+2		
14	−4	+1	+1	−2	+1		
15	−3	+2	+2	−2	+1		
16	−5	+1	+1	−1	+3		
17	−4	+2	+4	−2	+3		
18	−2	+1	+1	−2	+1		
19	−2	+1	+2	−3	+1		
20	−2	+1	+2	−2	+2		
21	−5	+2	+1	+2	+2		
22	−3	+3	+2	−1	+2		
23	−2	+7	+1	+1	+3		
24	−3	+2	+1	+3	+2		
25	−5	+3	+2	−1	+3		
26	−6	+1	+1	+3	+2		
27	−4	+1	+½	−3	+1		
28	−4	+4	+2	−2	+3		
29	−6	+4	−1	+2	+2		
30	−2	+3	−1	−2	+1		
31	−1	+5	+3	−1	+3		
32	−2	+2	+5	−2	+5		
33	−3	+8	+3	−1	+1		
34	−2	+2	+3	+3	+2		
35	−1	+5	+1	−2	+3		
36	−4	+2	+5	−1	+1		
37	−2	+2	+2	+2	−1		
38	−1	+3	+1	−1	−1		
39	−2	+5	+2	−2	+5		
40	−2	+2	+2	+2	−1		

Weather

An anticyclone will remain centred to NW of United Kingdom.

London, SE, Cen S, Cen N England, Midlands: Dry, cloudy at first but sunny intervals developing, wind variable, light, max temp 22C (72F).

E Anglia, E, NE England: Mostly cloudy with drizzle at times, bright intervals inland, wind variable light, max temp 21C (70F).

Channel Islands, SW England: Sunny intervals, isolated thundery showers later, wind E light, max temp 26C (79F).

Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland: Dry, sunny periods, coastal fog patches, wind variable light, max temp 24C (75F).

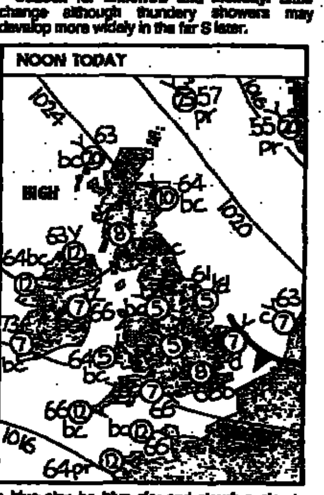
Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, wind W or NW light or moderate, max temp 18C (64F).

Glasgow, Cen Highlands, NW Scotland: Dry, sunny intervals developing, wind W or NW light or moderate, max temp 20C (68F).

Shetland: Dry, sunny intervals, wind W or NW moderate, max temp 14C (57F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday. Little change although thundery showers may develop more widely in the far S later.

NOON TODAY



b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperature fahrenheit.

SEA PASSAGES: [illegible]

Today — Sun rises: 5.09 am; Sun sets: 9.04 pm. Moon rises: 12.11 am; Moon sets: 2.01 pm. Last quarter: 5.01 am.

Tomorrow — Sun rises: 5.10 am; Sun sets: 9.03 pm. Moon rises: 12.26 am; Moon sets: 3.12 pm. New moon: July 28

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; s, sunny.

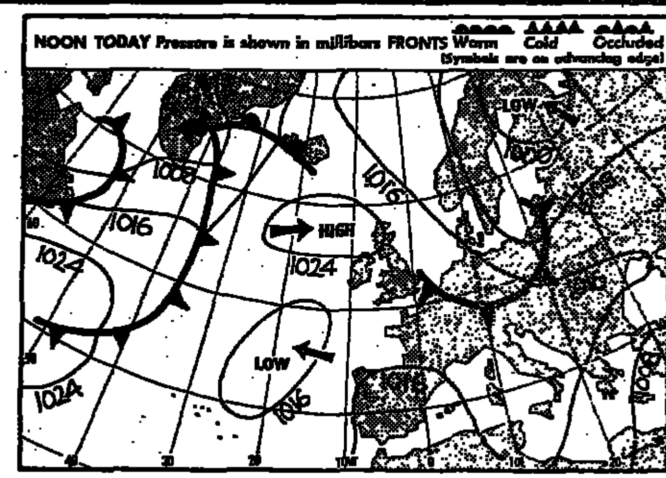
Belfast, Birmingham, Blackpool, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow; Guernsey, Inverness, Jersey, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Ronaldsway [illegible]

London

Yesterday: [illegible]

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: [illegible]



High tides

TODAY / TOMORROW [illegible]

Around Britain

[illegible]

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

[illegible]

Lighting-up time

TODAY / TOMORROW [illegible]

